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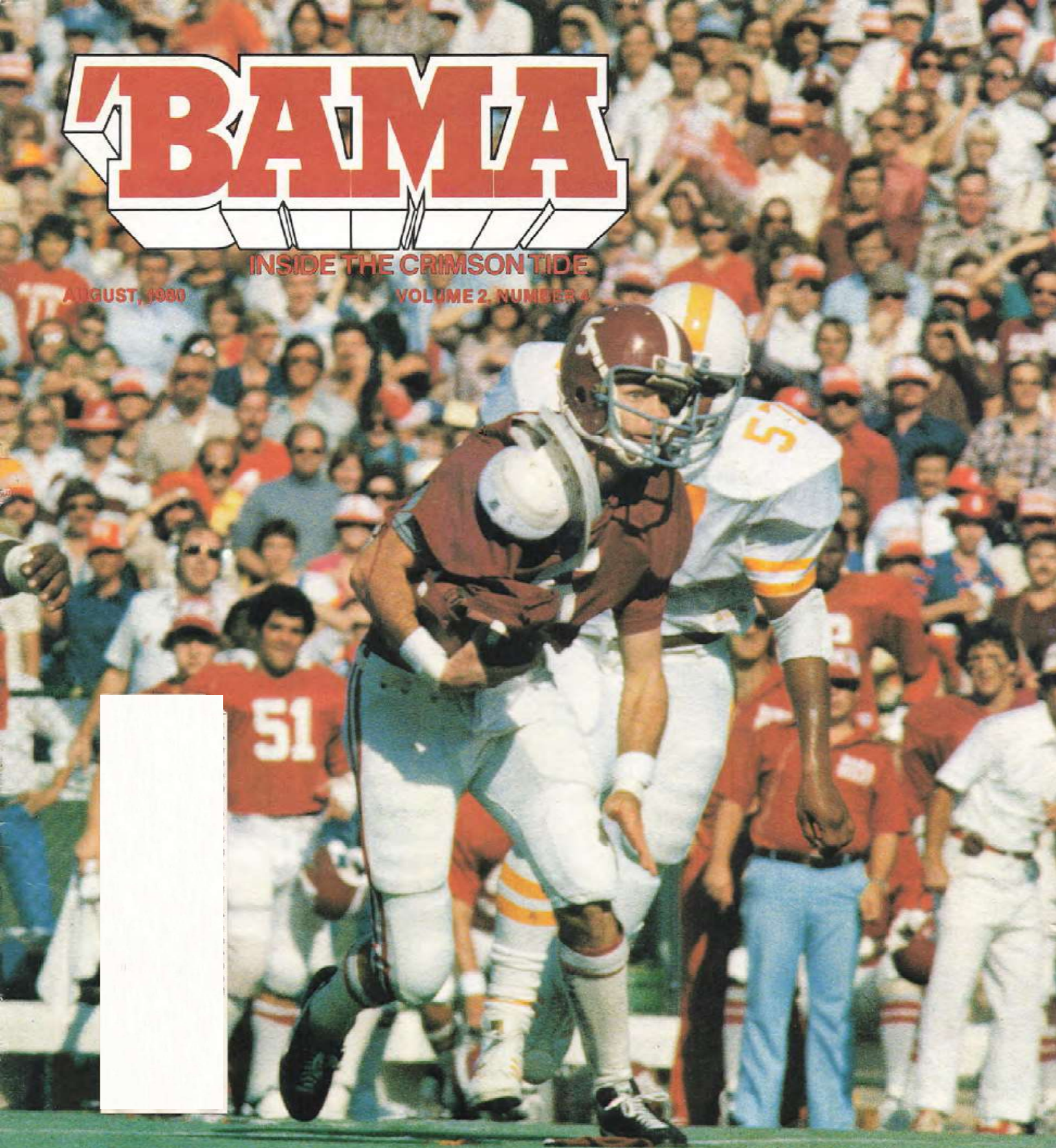

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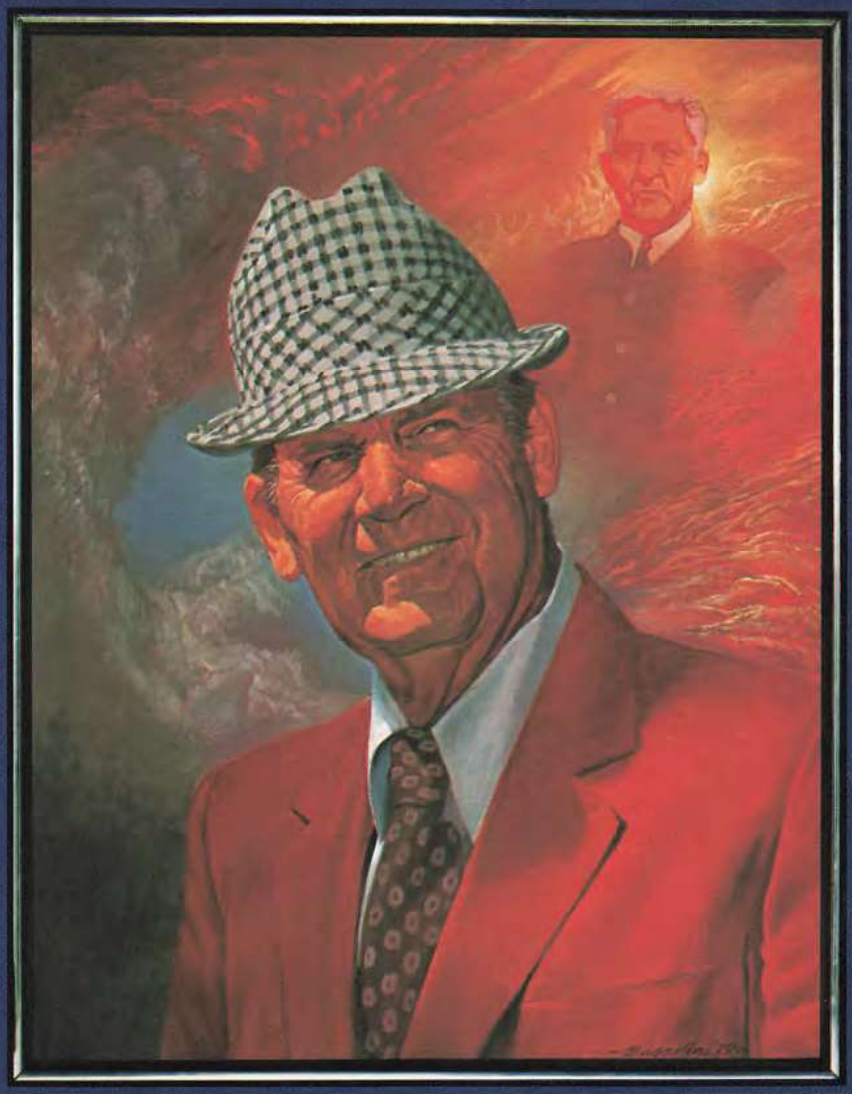

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Tide Picked High In Summer

by Kirk McNair

Alabama head football coach Paul Bryant has a permanently furrowed brow, perhaps the result of worrying about the progress of his football players during that summertime when he has no direct control over their habits.

It won't take him long to find out which Tiders have spent the summer profitably. First he'll get a report from academics advisor Gary White about a handful of players who had class work to get done in the summer. Assuming all is well there, he'll see for himself those who have done well in their physical work during the hot months.

Bama freshmen report for three days of work in shorts on August 10. Returning varsitymen come in on August 13 to join the frosh for three more days of work without pads. On August 18 the Tide will suit up for combat for the first time. Assuming Alabama doesn't change its routine (and coach Bryant is a creature of habit when the habit is working), Bama will work in shorts in a learning session in morning drills, then put the learning to work with contact in the afternoons as long as two-a-days last. The aim of August work is to mold a team for the September 6 opener against Georgia Tech in Birmingham.

Priorities haven't changed since spring. Alabama must settle upon a quarterback and an offensive line. Don Jacobs has had an excellent summer of workouts and must be considered healthy, even though he's coming off knee surgery. Alan Gray has spent the summer working on his passing. They'll start out co-number one at quarterback. Alabama assistant coaches are more optimistic about the offensive line situation than most, their reasoning being that the men who must replace the graduated all-stars across the front have talent, albeit not much experience. Biggest question mark is Eddie McCombs, who was injured late in spring drills. His injured knee didn't require surgery, but it did call for extensive rehabilitation.

Seven Tiders will start out ahead of where they were at the beginning of spring work, the result of their having been named winners of prestigious spring training awards. They are:

LeeRoy Jordan Headhunter Award—Linebacker Randy Scott

Jerry Duncan I Like To Practice Award—Offensive tackle Bob Cayavec

Billy Neighbors Most Improved Defensive Lineman Award—Tackle Jackie Cline

Bobby Johns Most Improved Defensive Back Award—Cornerback Jeremiah Castille

Paul Crane Most Improved Offensive Lineman Award—Tackle Vince Cowell

Ray Perkins Most Improved Receiver Award—Split End Darryl White

Johnny Musso Most Improved Offensive Back Award—Fullback Mitch Ferguson

The first twenty dollars worth of preseason football publications reveals, to the surprise of no one, that the expert pickers like Alabama's chances for an unprecedented third straight national championship.

Traditionally these magazines report pretty much the same thing on each team, but Alabama's offensive line situation had them grasping this year. Any number of combinations is selected as the probable front.

By combining the polls of eight preseason magazines, Alabama and Ohio State come out tied for the pre-season

Alabama linebacker Randy Scott (50) won the LeeRoy Jordan Headhunter Award in the spring, but showed last fall that he was more than up to the task.

Spectrum-Southeast Photo

championship. The eight publications are Football Action, Football Roundup, Street & Smith's College Football, Popular Sports, Pro & College Football Today, Pigskin Preview, GamePlan and Athlon Publications (Southeastern, etc.). Taking the top ten of each poll, then giving 10 points for first place, 9 for second, etc., Alabama and Ohio State come out with 72 points each. Pittsburgh (coached by Jackie Sherrill and mentioned by many as a possible Sugar Bowl opponent for Bama) is picked third with 55, followed by Oklahoma with 54, Southern Cal with 46, Arkansas with 38, Houston with 19, Nebraska with 16, Stanford with 11 and Texas with 9. Late-season Alabama opponents Notre Dame and Auburn were 11th and 12th.

Ohio State was picked first in four polls, Alabama first in three and Pittsburgh in one. Alabama was the only team mentioned in the top three on all eight polls (two seconds and three thirds).

Best reading for the Alabama fan is in Popular Sports College Football Preview, which predicts a third straight national championship with a long, glowing article on the Tide. But, of course, this research was completed before a favorite college football preview had hit the newsstands —Playboy.

Mitch Ferguson (41) was spring winner of the Johnny Musso Most Improved Offensive Back Award and hopes to regain sophomore form in his senior season. Spectrum-Southeast Photo

Pre-Season Guess At A Depth Chart

Here's an educated guess at Alabama's depth chart when fall drills begin in mid-August. Injuries, academics and confidential staff planning may result in major adjustments, perhaps quickly. Freshmen are not listed, but some will almost certainly get very early looks at varsity positions, among them split ends Jesse Bendross and Joey Jones; offensive linemen Doug Vickers and Mark Jackson; running backs Linnie Patrick and Joe Carter; linebackers Steve Booker and Marcus Hill; and Mike Rodriguez, who could play either as a lineman (offensive or defensive) or as a fullback. It is also hoped that one of the freshmen quarterbacks will work in quickly and top candidates are Paul Carruth, Paul Fields and Walter Lewis.

OFFENSE

Split End—Keith Marks, Tim Clark, Darryl White, Ry Ogilvie
Left Tackle—Vince Cowell, Eddie McCombs, Dexter Rutherford, Mike McQueen
Left Guard—Scott Allison, Danny Holcombe
Center—Steve Mott, Denny Merritt, Bob Dasher
Right Guard—Joe Robbins, Doug Collins, Gary Bramblett, Joe Beazley
Right Tackle—Bob Cayavec, Bill Searcey, Rusty Faust
Tight End—Bart Krout, Larry Brown, Earl Collins
Quarterback—Don Jacobs, Alan Gray, Mike Landrum, Greg Haynes
Left Halfback—Billy Jackson, Joe Jones, Kenny Simon, Ben Orcutt, James Haney
Right Halfback—Major Ogilvie, Mark Nix, Jeff Fagan, Reggie Brown
Fullback—Mitch Ferguson, Charlie Williams, Roosevelt Wilder, John Hill

DEFENSE

Left End—Gary DeNiro, Mike Pitts, Russ Wood
Left Tackle—Byron Braggs, Scott Homan, Richard Shinn
Noseguard—Warren Lyles, Jackie Cline, Johnny Elias, Randy Edwards
Right Tackle—Jackie Cline, Scott Homan, Danny Casteel
Right End—E.J. Junior, John Mauro, Tim Gann
Strongside Linebacker—Randy Scott, Robbie Jones, Ricky Rozzell
Weakside Linebacker—Thomas Boyd, Eddie Lowe
Left Halfback—Jeremiah Castille, Josh Henderson
Right Halfback—Mike Clements, Ricky Tucker, Jerrill Sprinkle
Strong Safety—Tommy Wilcox, Jim Bob Harris, Stan Gay
Safety—Ricky Tucker, Jim Bob Harris, Al Blue

KICKING GAME

Punter—Woody Umphrey, J.W. Hodge, Malcolm Simmons
Placekicker—Peter Kim, Johnny Brooker, Paul Trodd, Tim Clark

These Eleven Elevens Are In The Way

Alabama head football coach Paul Bryant can hardly believe that another football season is just around the corner. The Tide is just a few days away from beginning fall drills, another three weeks from the September 6 opening show.

Bama, as anyone who has read this far almost certainly knows, is attempting to win a third straight national championship this year, a feat never accomplished.

The national champion will be determined following the bowl games. However, if the Crimson Tide is to be in contention for the crown on January 2, Bama must go through the eleven games of its regular season with little or no blemish. Bama has a current 21-game winning streak, longest in the land. Although outlooks will change as the season progresses, here is a capsule look at the eleven teams trying to overthrow the king of college football:

Mike Kelley, Georgia Tech quarterback, will be far less effective against the Tide if Bama can once again put on a rush as Gary DeNiro did in last year's contest. Spectrum-Southeast Photo

GEORGIA TECH

Who would have believed that mighty Georgia Tech would one day be a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference? But, then, who would have believed that, except for Alabama, Southeastern Conference teams in 1979 would be a cut below those of the ACC?

Tech is not eligible for the ACC crown until 1983, but with the schedule the Yellow Jackets face this year (see Page 30 for Tide opponents' schedules) they wouldn't be worried about championships as much as survival.

Tech has a new head coach, former pro great center Bill Curry. It could be that the best information Curry can pass along to his team is his pass blocking technique. Unquestionably, the Jackets must be feared first as a passing team with junior quarterback Mike Kelley (6-4, 190) returning. Kelley completed 149 of 300 passes last year for 2,051 yards. Kelley was also intercepted a great deal last year, 19 times, but that will happen in a losing season (Tech was 4-6-1). Two wide receivers return who caught 25 passes each last year, Kris Kentera (6-1, 180) and Leon Chadwick (5-10, 175). Tight end George Moore has been ruled out for 1980 after suffering a knee injury in spring training with Glenn Etheridge (6-2, 215) expected to replace him.

Ronny Cone (6-2, 205) is the top returning running back, having picked up 617 yards on 126 carries in his freshman year. A hypothetical question in Alabama circles the past couple of years has been how good a fullback Tide noseguard Warren Lyles would be (he was outstanding in high school). Well, Tech is moving a part-time starting noseguard from 1979, David Allen (5-9, 200) to fullback this year.

Tech's offensive line situation is about as battle green as Alabama's with one senior (6-5, 240-pound Ben Utt) and four sophs expected to man the trenches.

The defense should be a strong point,

particularly with the return of 1978 starters middle guard Mark Bradley and tackle Marvin Dyett, who missed last year with injuries. Star of the defense should be tackle Lynwood Volley (6-1, 230). Ivey Stokes has moved from noseguard to linebacker. Rick Olive is a top defensive end. The secondary, which had a lot of tackles last year as a losing team is wont to do, returns intact, led by cornerback Ken Taylor. Secondary coach for Tech is former Tider Mike Dean.

Adequate kickers return in placement man Johnny Smith and punters Ted Peeples and Jeff Pierce.

Tech is expected to operate from a Pro-I offense and a 5-2 defense. The Jackets return 21 lettermen on offense, 24 on defense, two specialists.

OLE MISS

While Alabama's opening date with Georgia Tech should give the Tide all the pass defense work it needs for awhile, the offensive show the Rebels throw at Bama could resemble D-Day. Unquestionably Mississippi head coach Steve Sloan knows something about offense since he learned at the foot of the master, and he's got the kind of quarterback to run any kind of attack. John Fourcade (6-1, 215) was the SEC's total offense leader last year with 1,521 yards passing on 115 completions in 196 attempts and 493 yards rushing on 128 carries and accounted for 13 touchdowns.

Fourcade has some good targets in receivers Ken Toler (6-2, 195); transfer Breck Tyler (6-3, 200 and the son of former Tide assistant and Mississippi State head coach Bob Tyler); soph big-play man Michael Harmon (6-2, 200); and tight end Billy Wise (6-4, 240).

Ole Miss expected to have the nation's two finest freshmen running backs in the country last year in Buford McGee (6-2, 210) and Kinny Hooper (6-1, 215). McGee averaged 7.9 yards per carry before being lost for the year in the third game of the season. Hooper ran for 415 yards and caught 15 passes for 713 more.

They'll operate behind an offensive line that returns all five starters, led by giant senior tackle Mark Moore (6-7, 270).

End James Otis (6-4, 220) is the star of a defense that was porous last year with five freshmen starters. Nakita Williams, a 6-0, 225-pound linebacker is also in the exceptional class. Not many others have a sure lock on starting positions in the front spots or in the secondary, where all starters return.

Ole Miss must replace outstanding punter Jim Miller and placekicker Hoppy Langley.

The Rebels will operate from a Pro-I offense and a 5-2 defense. Ole Miss returns 18 offensive lettermen, 20 defensive.

In an attempt to legislate Alabama out of the SEC throne room, a rule this year will not count the Alabama-Ole Miss game in the SEC standings since Bama and the Rebels are the only teams playing seven league games.

VANDERBILT

Frank Mordica isn't around this year to give Alabama problems, but the Commodores have two quarterbacks who are most capable. Van Heflin (6-2, 220) was the Vandy leader last year when the Commodores met the Tide, but later Vanderbilt became a two-quarterback team with Whit Taylor (5-11, 180) joining the show. Both are excellent running and passing. Vanderbilt also lost the top receiver from the SEC last year, Preston Brown, but the receiving corps is in good shape with wide receivers Charles Edwards (6-2, 190) and Wamon Buggs (6-3, 200) and tight end Flavious Smith (6-4, 230) returning.

Terry Potter (6-2, 200) has one running back spot nailed down by virtue of his blocking ability as well as his running. The other spot will probably go to Marcus Williams or Lucius High.

Vanderbilt has more quality in its offensive line than usual, led by all-star candidates Loie Hudgins (6-2, 276) and Ken Hammond (6-4, 256).

Vandy's defensive headliner is linebacker Andrew Coleman (6-0, 233), who had 140 tackles last year. Other defensive standouts returning are ends Joe Staley and John Clemens, tackle Tim Moore, linebacker Phil Swindoll and cornerback Mark Brown.

The Commodore kicking game appears extremely solid. Jim Arnold averaged 41.9 yards per punt last year, while placekicker Mike Woodard was good on all 21 extra point attempts and six of 10 field goal tries.

Vanderbilt uses a veer offense and either a 5-2 or 4-3 defense. The Commodores return 17 lettermen on both offense and defense and two specialists.

KENTUCKY

Trying to figure out what kind of football team a school is going to field is always something of a difficult task, but in the case of Kentucky the chore is increased until you've checked the lists of suspensions, etc. Nevertheless, despite his many problems with off-the-field discipline, coach Fran Curci continues to turn out football teams that the basketball team can be reasonably proud of. Five starters were suspended before the 1979 campaign, leading to a 5-6 record for the 'Cats. But this year they are back, along with 16 starters from last season.

Kentucky's running backs should be outstanding. Returning starters from last year are Shawn Donigan (6-1, 220) and Chris Jones (6-1, 190), who rushed for over 1,600 yards between them. Number one reserve was Pete Venable. Also back are Randy Brooks, who started in 1977 and 1978, Henry Parks and Charlie Jackson, all returning from one-year probation.

The quarterback position, where four different men started in the first five games last year, has sometimes starters Terry Henry and Randy Jenkins being challenged by Larry McCrimmon, a 1978 starter who didn't play last year, and Rick Buehner, who transferred from Notre Dame.

Kentucky doesn't throw a great deal, but the Wildcats have good receivers. Jim Campbell (6-3, 220) has been both a split and tight end and will be inside this year. Alan Watson (6-3, 190) is moving from starting split end to starting flanker. Juan Portela (6-1, 185) will move back to his split end spot from quarterback, where he was pressed into duty last season.

Kentucky does not consider its offensive line strong, although four regulars return to the five spots.

The defensive line lost only one starter from last year and he'll be replaced by another of last season's spectators who had been '78 starters, Earl Wilson (6-3, 250). Kevin Kearns (6-2, 245) will join Wilson as a star on the front line. Chuck Smith (6-1, 215) heads up the linebackers.

Venus Meaux (5-11, 180), another of those suspended, and Any Molls (6-0, 185) anchor a secondary that has five men who have started.

Kentucky returns its kickers, but they were less than sensational with placekicker Rick Strein hitting six of 15 field goal attempts and 10 of 15 extra point tries, Chris Poulton averaging 36.9 yards on 51 punts.

The 'Cats use a veer offense and 5-2 defense. Kentucky returns 13 lettermen on offense, 18 on defense and two specialists.

RUTGERS

Everyone's probably thinking that the Rutgers game is just a nice trip to New York for Crimson Tide fans (the game will be played at Giants Stadium at the Meadowlands in New jersey just across the river from the Big Apple). Well, Rutgers people probably thought they were just having a fun excursion to Knoxville last year, too, and the Scarlet Knights had to fight for their lives to beat Tennessee 13-7.

Rutgers has upgraded its schedule in the last few years and the result hasn't been as expected. The Scarlet Knights are still winning, putting together a 58-19-1 record the last seven years. Coach Frank Burns overcame the effects of quadruple by-pass heart surgery prior to last season and put together an 8-3 record.

Among 10 Rutgers players given All-East honors last year, seven return. Quarterback Ed McMichael completed over 58 percent of his passes last year, connecting on 124 of 211 for 1,529 yards and seven touchdowns with just seven intercepted. His favorite targets are split end Tim Odell, who had 34 receptions for 466 yards last year, and flanker David Dorn, who had 27 catches for 468 yards. Dorn also is used frequently and successfully on flanker-around plays, picking up 356 rushing yards last year. The tailback will be either Ted Blackwell, who had 517 yards rushing before being injured in the seventh game last year, or Albert Ray, who replaced him and finished with 567 yards. Bryant Moore (6-1, 215) is the fullback.

Kevin Kurdyla (6-3, 250) and Tony Cella (6-6, 240) return at tackles, Frank Naylor (6-2, 240) at center.

The defensive line is led by tackle Mike Rustemeyer (6-3, 260), one of four returning starters. Ed Steward (6-1, 235) leads a linebacking corps that returns intact. Three of four starters return in the secondary, led by team MVP strong safety Deron Cherry (5-11, 180).

Cherry also handles punting chores, having averaged 41.3 yards on 58 kicks last year. A new placekicker must be found.

Rutgers uses a multiple offense and either a five-man or four-man front on defense. The Knights return 14 offensive and 15 defensive lettermen.

TENNESSEE

The big question in Big Orange Country is who will replace all-time Tennessee offense king Jimmy Streater at quarterback. Well, the man who replaced him when he got hurt against Notre Dame last year was Jeff Olszewski and he led the Vols to a 40-18 victory over the Fighting Irish.

Assuming that Tennessee quarterback troubles aren't as bad as advertised, the Vols should be potent. Hubert Simpson was primarily a benchwarmer when Tennessee played Bama last year, but Simpson (6-1, 205) finished the year as the workhorse of the Vols with 792 yards on 157 carries. He's got plenty of backfield help with the return of James Berry (5-10, 185), Terry Daniels (5-10, 180) and Glenn Ford (6-1, 200).

Tennessee has excellent receivers in wideouts Anthony Hancock (34 receptions for 687 yards last year), Phil Ingram (15 for 225) and speedster Willie Gault. Reggie Harper is an All-America talent at tight end. Center Lee North (6-1, 255), guard Bill Marren (6-3, 265) and tackle Tim Irwin (6-7, 270) anchor the kind of offensive line John Majors knew he had to have to rebuild Tennessee.

The defense is led by the return of two 1978 starters who missed last year with injuries, noseguard Jim Noonan (5-10, 230) and tackle Lee Otis Burton (6-6, 240). Danny Spradlin (6-1, 225) is back at linebacker, while three of four starters return in the secondary, led by Danny Martin.

The kicking game should be excellent with the return of placement man Alan Duncan (33 of 33 extra points, 10 of 15 field goals) and punter John Warren (40.5 average on 52 punts.)

Tennessee runs from a multiple offense, uses a 5-2 on defense. The Vols have eight returning starters each way among the 18 offensive and 23 defensive

Tennessee's attack includes outstanding receivers. Tight end Reggie Harper was suspended from the team during the spring for violation of training rules, but is expected back this fall.

University of Tennessee Photo

lettermen returning, along with two specialists.

SOUTHERN MISS

The Golden Eagles were state champions last year, defeating both Ole Miss (38-8) and Mississippi State (21-7). This season sixth-year coach Bobby Collins says the accent is on youth since he had 55 sophomores among his 82 spring candidates.

Southern Miss was 6-4-1 last year, but just 10 points away from a 10-1 season, including a three-point loss to Orange Bowl entry Florida State and a one-point loss to Tulane of the Liberty Bowl.

Reggie Collier (6-4) will take over at quarterback, where he was impressive in what little work he had last year. He'll have some classy runners behind him in Sammy Winder and Sweetpea Floyd, who combined for over 1,000 yards from the tailback spot last year. Neal Alexander (6-1, 210) is expected to be the new fullback.

The receiver corps was decimated by graduation with only Mike Livings (5-11, 180) having had any experience at wideout. Marvin Harvey (6-3, 220) returns at tight end.

The offensive line is a bright spot with only one regular gone. Leader of the up-front group is center James Watson (6-1, 235).

Defensively, the front five returns only one starter, end Rhett Whitley (6-1, 205). Ron Brown (6-1, 210) is a returning linebacker, while two of four defensive backs return—Hanford Dixon (6-0, 170) and Art Newberry (5-11, 170).

Southern operates a Pro-I offense and a 5-2 defense. The Golden Eagles return 17 offensive lettermen, 21 on defense and three specialists.

MISSISSIPPI STATE

By the time Mississippi State met Alabama last year, the Bulldogs were only a shadow of the team that had won three of its first six games. As a result, State did not win another, finishing 3-8 despite ending up 12th in the nation in rushing offense.

State is coached by Emory Bellard, the man who is generally credited with having invented the wishbone offense. He certainly honed it to perfection as chief assistant under Darryl Royal at Texas. Now he's coming up with a new wrinkle, a triple option offense with star receiver Mardye

One LSU running back that has given Alabama fits is the Bengal Tigers' tailback Hokie Gajan. LSU Photo

McDole at wingback to assure he gets the football occasionally.

In addition to McDole, who caught only 20 passes for 380 yards last year (through no fault of his), State returns all three of last year's quarterbacks and six of the Bulldogs' 10 leading rushers.

Leading rusher Fred Collins (6-3, 240) returns at fullback, where he had 591 yards and a 4.6 average last year. Robby Mink is expected to take over as new quarterback in the new offense. Donald Ray King, Michael Haddix and James Otis Doss are all quality runners. The split end will be David Ellis, while Jerry Price is running ahead of returning starter Arthur Wiley at tight end.

Tackle Alan Massey (6-4, 260) and center Kent Hull (6-4, 230) will anchor an offensive line that returns four of five starters.

The defense returns seven regulars, including the front four led by end Tyrone Keyes (6-7, 260) and tackles Earnie Barnes (6-4, 255) and Glen Collins (6-6, 260). Johnie Cooks was an outstanding linebacker until injured early last year, will have to battle Curtis Hill to get his job back. Cornerback Willie Jackson and strong safety Bob Fesmire lead the secondary.

Dana Moore, who averaged 39.5 on 52 punts last year, will handle placekicking as well as punting this year.

State will be operating from its new offense and it's old 4-3 defense this year. The Bulldogs return 23 lettermen on offense, 17 on defense and four specialists.

LSU

Charley McClendon couldn't beat Alabama and so LSU's winningest coach was replaced following last season. Jerry Stovall, who was an outstanding performer for the Bengal Tigers in the 1960s, finished as runner-up for the Heisman Trophy, is the new head coach. Going into his first year he should be grateful for the Charley Mac system of using plenty of players each game. LSU returns 43 lettermen.

The Tigers lost both quarterbacks from last year, but smiles are all over Tigertown with Bob Lane, Robbie Mahfouz and Alan Risher battling for the job. All have talent, and whoever gets the job will have fine receivers. Efrem Coley and Orlando McDaniel have speed to burn at split end, while Tracy Porter is an experienced hand at splitback. McDaniel averaged 29.4 yards on his 10 receptions last year. Robert DeLee and Greg LaFleur split time at tight end last year and will again in 1980.

There is depth and talent at running back. Danny Soileau (6-1, 220) returns at fullback, while team-leading rusher Hokie Gajan (568 yards) is back at tailback.

Three returning starters—tackle Dave Koch (6-3, 240) and guards Tom Tully (6-3, 240) and John Watson (6-3, 240)—anchor the offensive line.

There are also three returning starters on the defensive front—end Lyman White (6-0, 220), tackle Benjy Thidodeaux (6-3, 250) and noseguard George Atiyeh (6-2, 255). Jerry Hill (6-4, 230) is the top returning linebacker.

Three starters return in the secondary—James Britt and Chris Williams at the corners and Marcus Quinn at safety.

Don Barthel returns as the placekicker, while Mahfouz and John Conway are back as punters.

LSU will use a veer offense and a five-man front on defense. The Tigers return 24 offensive lettermen, 19 on defense.

NOTRE DAME

Coach Dan Devine would like to use a wide-open attack this year, but as spring drills ended he wasn't sure which of his quarterback candidates could best handle that assignment. Three seniors are in the battle—Tim Koegel (6-4, 194), the best passer; Mike Courey (6-2, 175), the best option runner; and Greg Knafelc (6-4, 190), the best combination of the two.

The receiving corps is an Irish strongpoint. Tony Hunter (6-5, 220) caught 27 passes for 690 yards as a freshman split end last year. Pete Holohan (6-4, 215) pulled in 22 for 386 yards on the other side. Returning tight end Dean Masztak (6-4, 220) led Notre Dame last year with 28 receptions for 428 yards.

With Vagas Ferguson graduated, Notre Dame will have to introduce its running backs to the football. Ferguson rushed for 1,437 yards last year. The number two man, Ty Barber (6-0, 185), had a season total of 172 yards. Jim Stone (6-1, 194) is the most experienced returning halfback, but soph Phil Carter (5-11, 185) could get the nod. At fullback, Pete Buchanan (6-3, 225) will be attempting to come back from a broken ankle that took him out before the opener last year. John Sweeney (6-2, 220) started 10 games at fullback but carried the ball only nine times.

Notre Dame has two returning regulars on the offensive line, center John Scully (6-4, 245) and guard Tim Huffman (6-5, 265).

The defense is a veteran outfit. The front four returns intact with good depth, led by end John Hankerd (6-4, 241). Linebacker Bob Crable (6-3, 220) returns in the middle with all-star credentials, but new faces must be found for the outside posts. The secondary returns four men with starting experience, led by safety Tom Gibbons (6-1, 185).

A new placekicker must be found, but Dick Boushka returns to punt after averaging 36 yards per boot last season.

The Irish use a multiple offense, 4-3 defense. Notre Dame returns 18 lettermen on offense, 20 on defense.

AUBURN

Coach Doug Barfield is achieving veteran status as he begins his fifth year at the Auburn helm and for the first time he has a veteran team. The Tigers' rebuilding program has been successful with an improved mark each year, leading up to last year's 8-3 record. Auburn will have to play at least through this season with no bowl prospects because of probation for cheating.

The Tigers have a number of stars, but the brightest is running back James Brooks (5-9, 185), who rushed for 1,208 yards and a 7.4 average last year. Joining Brooks in the backfield is expected to be either George Peoples (5-11, 200) or Chester Willis (5-11, 195). The quarterback is expected to be Charlie Thomas (6-1, 200), who is best known as a runner.

Top receiver is flanker Byron Franklin (6-0, 180), who caught 19 passes for 373 yards last year.

Auburn has a very experienced offensive line, led by George Stephenson (6-4, 250), converted from tackle to guard; tackle Claude Mathews (6-3, 260); and guard Jim Skuthan (6-3, 250).

Last year Auburn's defense was decimated by injuries and, therefore, by opponents. This year it should be strong. Frank Warren (6-5, 275) is an all-star type at one tackle. The other spot will go either to last year starter Edmund Nelson (6-2, 250) or 1978 man Marshall Riley (6-1, 260), who missed last year. Marvin Williams (5-11, 260) is back at noseguard. Charles Wood (6-1, 210) returns this year at end, where the Tigers also have the 1979 starters, Dan Dickerson (6-3, 225) and Zac Hardy (6-2, 230). Danny Skutack (6-1, 200) heads the long list of linebacker candidates.

The secondary was as tough as a marshmallow most of last year, owing primarily to injuries. Strong safety Clifford Toney leads an experienced group of deep backs.

The Auburn kicking game, always among the nation's best, is rebuilding with new punter and placekicker needed.

Auburn will operate from a veer-I offense and a 5-2 defense. The Tigers return 16 lettermen on offense, 24 on defense and one specialist.

It's Not An Easy Task

by Kirk McNair

Very few teams have won national championships. The Associated Press began awarding the national title in 1936 and is now generally regarded as the most authoritative crown. Minnesota won that first national championship. The 44 titles awarded by the AP have been won by only 19 different teams, and only 10 of those teams have won more than one championship.

In what should be a surprise to no one, Notre Dame heads the list with seven championships, followed by Alabama and Oklahoma with five each, Minnesota with four, Southern Cal and Ohio State with three each, and Pittsburgh, Army, Texas and Nebraska with two each. Solitary titles have gone to TCU, Texas A&M, Michigan, Tennessee, Michigan State, Maryland, Auburn, LSU and Syracuse.

The difficult task of winning back-to-back championships has been accomplished seven times by five different teams. Minnesota won in 1940 and 1941, Army was the 1944 and 1945 winner, Notre Dame the 1946 and 1947 champion. Oklahoma and Alabama have done it twice each, Oklahoma putting back-to-back titles together in 1955-56 and 1974-75, Alabama turning in consecutive national championships in 1964-65 and 1978-79.

Now, for the second time, Alabama is in the position of a history-making third straight national championship.

One could put together a good case for Alabama having already done all the Crimson Tide could do for three straight national championships with both of its back-to-backs. In 1966 going for a third in a row Bama waltzed past 10 straight regular season opponents only to finish third behind Notre Dame and Michigan State (which had battled to a 10-10 regular season tie). Neither Notre Dame nor Michigan State was going to a bowl that year and the AP flip-flopped its one-year-old policy of waiting until after the bowl games to choose a national champion. Bama, which had defeated Nebraska 39-28 in the 1966 Orange Bowl to win the 1965 title, ran over the Cornhuskers again in the 1967 Sugar Bowl, 34-7, but no championship was at stake.

Prior to Alabama's 1978 and 1979 titles, the 1977 Bama team was ranked third going into the New Year's Day games. The AP has gone back to waiting until after bowl games to name a champion and on New Year's Day, 1978, top-ranked Texas and second-rated Oklahoma were beaten in the Cotton and Orange Bowls. Alabama did its part with a convincing victory over Ohio State. However, Notre Dame's famous poll vault moved the Irish from fifth to first.

It's nothing new for Notre Dame to take a title away from Alabama. Although Bama won the United Press International version of the national championship in 1973 (awarded at that time only on the basis of regular season games), Notre Dame's thrilling 24-23 victory over Bama in the Sugar Bowl knocked the Crimson Tide from the top spot. Alabama had an excellent chance to repeat as UPI champion in 1974, but the Tide was bounced by Ara Parseghian's last Notre Dame team in the 1975 Orange Bowl.

This year Alabama and Notre Dame go head-to-head once again and it's late in the season when it could have a bearing on the national championship.

"I thought we did everything we could do in 1966 and, frankly, I thought we had a national championship team," remembers Tide head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. "I guess you'd just have to say we didn't convince enough people, although I think we convinced most of the teams we played against."

The Tide head coach is the only man who has ever been in the position of twice coaching teams that have won back-to-back national championships. He certainly realizes the pitfalls of such a task. "Of course, everyone gets up for Alabama anyway so we've got to be ready to play every week. But the fact that we've won two straight national championships gives our opponents an extra measure of motivation.

"I've said many times—and I mean this—that I don't worry about the team we're playing. I worry about Alabama. And believe me, I've got reason to be worried right now. I hope and pray that the men we've got on this team are the type men we've had on our last few teams and if they are we'll be all right. But when you've won two straight national championships there seems to be a tendancy to expect things to take care of themselves. In the spring I sensed that we didn't have the winning attitude that it takes to be successful. I think that was evident not only in the practices, but in the academics end of it and in the general outlook."

The most recent previous coach to attempt the third in a row national championship trick is Barry Switzer of Oklahoma. Switzer's team won the 1975 national title after the Sooners under Chuck Fairbanks had won the championship in 1974. "Winning a national title is never easy," said Switzer. "Winning a second title is even harder. A third more so. There is no set formula for winning it. Our goal at Oklahoma is to win the national title each year we take the field. To do so we have to avoid the crippling injury, go unbeaten, defeat a highly regarded opponent in a bowl and hope no other team does the same. The degree of difficulty in attaining this goal is underlined by the fact that each year there are approximately a dozen schools with the same goal, each with just as good a chance as us of success."

Nebraska also won back-to-back national championships in this decade, the second (its 1971 team) at the expense of Alabama in the Orange Bowl. Bob Devaney, one of coach Bryant's best friends, is now director of athletics at Nebraska, but at that time he was the

highly-successful head coach of the Cornhuskers. Now he's away from the field, but he has a very real sense of the difficulties of making it three in a row.

"Back in 1972 we found a situation where opening the season found us attempting to repeat as national champions after winning two straight titles," remembered Devaney. "It was something that has not been done—no college or university had won three straight national championships. Well, in 1972 we had that opportunity. We felt very apprehensive about this because we had lost our top two quarterbacks and we had to face the season with a sophomore quarterback. He was a fine quarterback—David Humm—but still a sophomore. We also realized that we had lost some real fine running backs, including Jeff Kinney who had been very instrumental in our 1971 national championship success. We had running backs at the I-back position in 1973 who were the least experienced and effective group we had since we installed the I-formation a few years earlier. We knew with these problems and possible defects and some inexperienced linemen, it would be a difficult job to win a third straight national championship.

"I think, however, if I can be critical of myself, it would be that I underestimated UCLA, our opening opponent in a game that was to be played in Los Angeles. UCLA did not have a real good team the year before and did not appear to be a real strong team in 1972. But on the day we played them they were ready to play and they defeated us. It was a very close game and we lost by three points (20-17) on a field goal by Efren Herrera. Evidently we were not well enough prepared to play.

"I think if we had prepared better, perhaps, and had gotten by the first game, I feel there was a good chance we could have gone undefeated. We had a tie later in the season with Iowa State, but I believe that had we had a national championship on the line, we would have played over the situation. In the last game we were edged out by Oklahoma, 17-14. I think we would have won both games if we would have won the first one.

"I think you have problems in a situation like we faced, particularly that of a team being a little tense when they realize the fact that they are trying to accomplish something that hasn't been achieved before. I believe Sports Illustrated came out with a cover, for example, that pointed out "Nebraska Goes for Number Three." So all the players and fans of the University of Nebraska were aware of the opportunity we had to win a third straight national championship. I think there is a little apprehension, a little tightness that builds up. I feel sure when we went into the first game of 1972 that our players were not as loose or as ready to play as they would have been under a more normal situation where we didn't have that so-called pressure to win a third straight national championship.

"I also believe it does motivate your opponents. Anytime a team has an undefeated string going, somebody is more anxious to knock them off. That's a big thing! Every team on the schedule points for the team that is the national champion to see if they can knock them off. They might play much over their heads on the day they meet the undefeated or defending national championship team. So you run into extra pressure from your opponents as well as the pressure that builds up within your own organization to maintain that unbeaten record."

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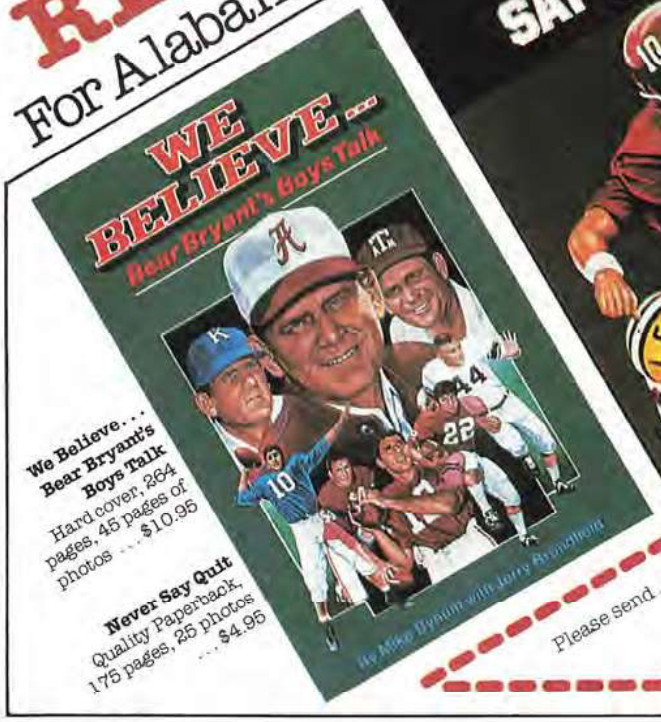

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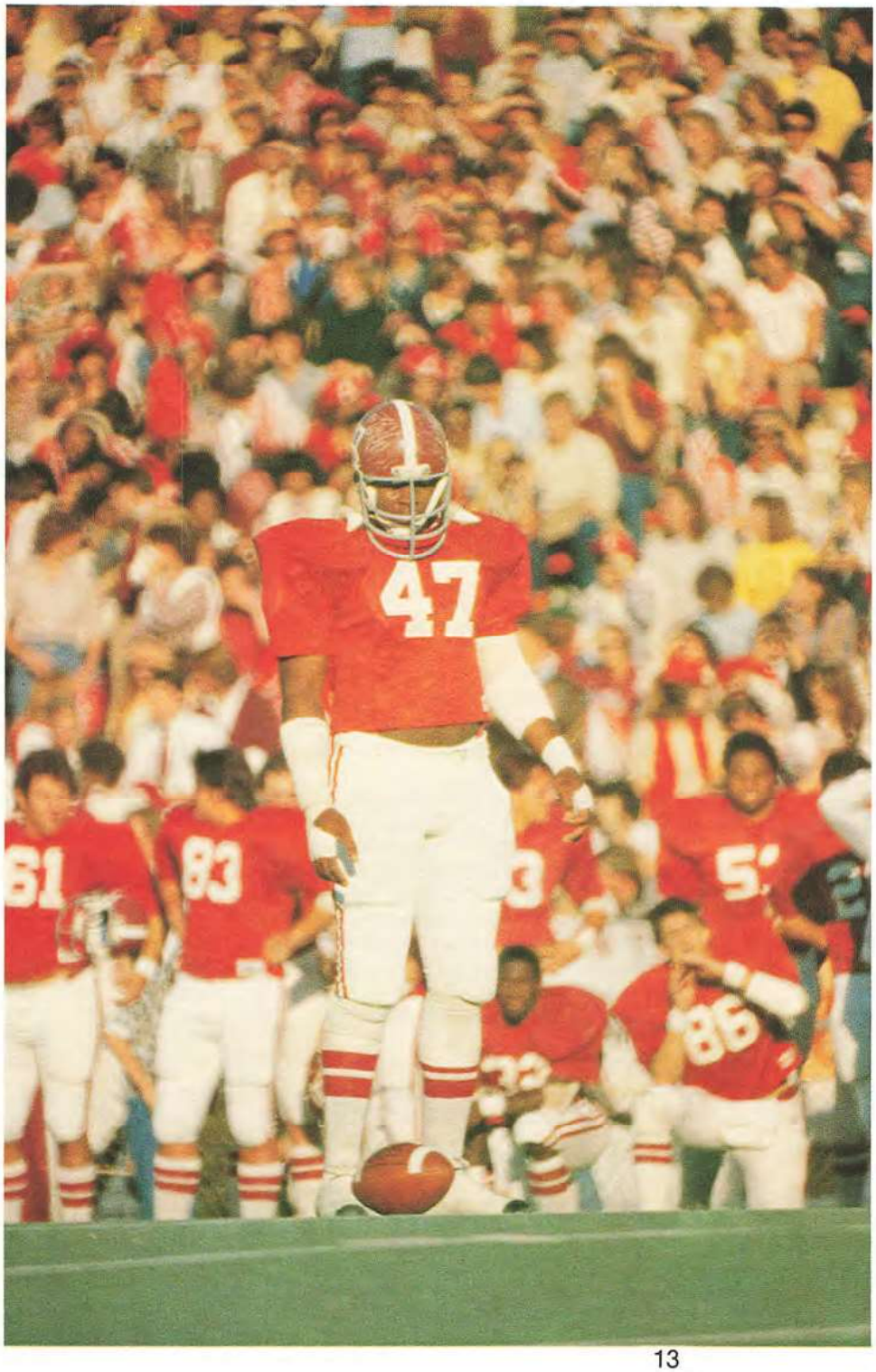

Byron Braggs has spent the entire summer trying to prove he was right about something.

In the fall, he will spend approximately four months trying to prove he is right about something else.

"I'm working at television station WCOV in Montgomery just trying to prove something," Braggs says. "When I was little, I wasn't that little, if you know what I mean.

"The other kids in the neighborhood didn't want me to play with them because I was so big I was always hurting them. We'd play football, basketball, wrestling or something and I would always hurt somebody. I didn't mean to, it just turned out that way. The parents even didn't want me around.

"It got to the point that it was an automatic rule that I was always on both teams and they had to take turns with me. It was always fun because I was always on the winning team, but one day I realized I was always on the losing team, too.

"I got a complex about it and began staying home and it didn't take long at all for me to fall in love with television. My parents hated it, but I loved it.

"My parents sat down one day and told me nothing would ever come good of me watching television. I told them I planned to do that for a living some day and that I was just practicing. They just about laughed me out of the house."

Braggs has backed up his words. He entered Alabama and made television broadcast his major. He got a summer job doing what he has always wanted to do.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed it," Braggs says. "I'm called the vacation relief man or something, but I get to do a lot of different things and that's good experience. I plan to go into it fulltime if pro football doesn't come around."

Barring no major difficulties, pro football will most likely delay his television career.

Braggs will be the middle anchor for Alabama's defense that will try for an unprecedented third straight national championship. He thinks he has something to prove about all that.

"I'm ready for it," Braggs says. "We've got to prove it can be done. As far as I'm concerned, we've won three in a row, but the polls didn't look at it like that. We've got all these people asking already 'what about the offensive line' and 'what about the quarterback situation?'. Well, what about it?

"I know that the offense is young and we're going to have to carry them for a few games. Alabama fans try to convince themselves that the backup men got to play a lot last year and everything is okay. But it's not.

"The offense that will be replacing last year's has got a little time under their belts, but most of it was when the game was put away. That's no pressure. They are going to get thrown into the fire pretty quick, I'll tell you.

"And the way I look at it, if we lose a game early, it will be our fault. We've got the experienced people back and we know they will need some help. We've got to carry them early."

Braggs laughed when he was called pessimistic.

"You want to know the truth? I don't think anybody can beat us and that's because that's the way you've gotta think if you want to be a winner," he says. "I've never gone into a college game wondering what would be our chances of beating somebody. I've always wondered what their chances were of beating us.

"I don't think—and I haven't ever noticed it—but I don't believe Alabama players ever wonder about losing. They make themselves think so hard about what they will be doing to win, losing doesn't enter into their minds.

"Now if you think you can't lose because you're just Byron Braggs or just because you're Alabama, you're going to get beat and get beat often. Everybody wants to beat Alabama and supernatural things can happen when everybody wants to beat you that bad.

"You've got to think you can win because you are in the best shape and are the best prepared."

Braggs has never been at a loss for words. Sportswriters think of him as a saviour. Ask him a question and he will answer it.

"I like the press and I like telling them how I feel," he said. "I don't always say the right things, but I'll say something."

After last year's Vanderbilt game an ex-

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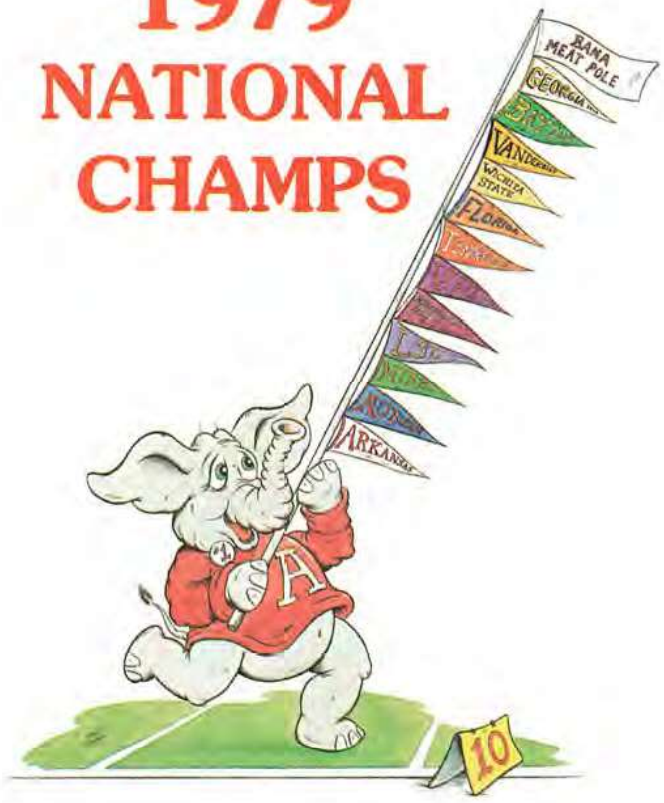

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cited Braggs told a reporter he had always wanted to beat a team 70-0. He said they had not done it to Vanderbilt, but that maybe Witchita State would be the one next week. The reporter carried the tape into the press box and played it for everyone and everyone jumped on it. Needless to say, Braggs found himself in the dog house and did not start the next week.

"I'm going to be more careful," Braggs laughed.

While most players will not set goals for themselves, Braggs has never hesitated. His goals are always unusual.

"Everybody's goal for next year is to win a third national championship," Braggs says. "Since that one is taken I want to go through the conference season undefeated. If I do that I can go through the rest of my life talking turkey to my friends about how we never lost to an SEC team while I was there. Wouldn't that be great.?

"Of course, though, I'd like nothing better than to win a third championship. I think that's the number one thing on everybody's mind. People say after you win two something happens that you get lazy and fatheaded, but that's bull. You don't think some of these guys that didn't really feel part of the others don't want it.

"I guarantee you those guys are out running harder than anybody else. They want to look people in the eye and say they were part of a national championship and not see them laugh because they know the year they won it he was on the bench.

"They may have one of those national championship rings on their fingers, but if they didn't ever have a touchdown saving tackle or cut somebody loose for a touchdown or an interception or something like that, they are still hungry. I promise you that.

"I'll never have the honor of saying I was on the team that helped coach Bryant break the record, but I hope I can say I was on the team that won 33 in a row and put him dang near it."

Byron Braggs has everything it takes to be a fine football player, and now no one stops him from playing just because he's too big. Joel Barnes Photo

Only once in Braggs' life has he been a loss for words. Everyone knows that his freshman season he nearly died when he had a heatstroke. Braggs bounced back later in the season to play some and make an impression.

"When you're 6-5 and 270 you better make an impression and make a good one," Braggs says. "People expect a lot from you. I came to Alabama without a lot of deciding about the other schools because I wasn't impressed with any of them. I wanted to come to Alabama with football on my mind and get busy on it. I had a little setback there, but I came back and I have been pleased with my playing time.

"I've loved it here. It's a good place. You have a better than average chance to get to play for good people and make something out of yourself in life. They are concerned with your academics and you're well-being as much as anything else and that makes a difference. You don't mind putting out for people like that."

Braggs says the television work is taking up some of his time, but football doesn't go long without getting thought about.

"Too many people won't let you forget it," Braggs says. "There isn't a day, or maybe an hour, that someone doesn't ask you about it. It's hard not to stay excited about it."

Don Jacobs: Ready To Be The Big Fish

by Hank Brownstone

University of Alabama quarterback Don Jacobs was five years old and as carefree as most young boys that age. The small town of Scottsboro was his playground and his was a world of laughs.

Then came that dreaded afternoon following a strong North Alabama rain, when Jacobs peddled his bicycle in search of fun and then carried it home as a victim of foul play.

Jacobs cried that day, after being manhandled by a bully twice his age and size, but smiles on the incident now, convinced that he learned a valuable lesson about life.

When you see Jacobs, a senior with the weight of the world seemingly resting on his shoulders, daring opposing defenses to dismantle his trim body in the coming football season, do not make the mistake of wondering why he triggers the Alabama wishbone offense with such daring style.

"I had just gotten a new bicycle," Jacobs said, retracing the events of that fateful childhood day, "and, to me, it was the grandest thing I had ever seen. I could not wait to show it off to the other kids in the neighborhood.

"There was a drainage ditch near my home and it filled up with water like a swimming pool when it rained. Most of us kids used to ride our bikes into the water.

"One day, this older and bigger kid decided he wanted to take a turn on my bike. I did not like that idea and told him so. He got mad and started roughing me up. In fact, the guy picked up the bike with me hanging on it and threatened to tear it up. But I would not move and that made him madder.

"Finally, he pulled me off the bike and told the other guys he wanted to throw me into the water. He was a brute and they agreed with him. I was helpless. They grabbed me by my legs and arms and let me fly.

"I got wet that day, but that guy never did ride my bike."

The moral of the story?

"I learned to move over and let the big fish eat," Jacobs said. "I guess there is some relationship to what I learned that day and the way I play football."

The parallels are greater than one would suspect. Jacobs has been a man in

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waiting at Alabama, an understudy biding time and learning lessons until his chance arrived at quarterback. He has experienced both emotional and physical pains, as well as enough glory during a national championship 1979 season to make time spent as a bridesmaid seem a lot like a honeymoon.

Now, surgered knee willing, Jacobs will make room for nobody when Alabama opens practice in August. He is the man on the spot for the Crimson Tide, a fish of whale proportions hoping to feast on the attention usually afforded quarterbacks in a program coach Paul "Bear" Bryant has frequently led to a national throne.

"I would be lying if I said I never got frustrated in my early years at Alabama," Jacobs said, admitting that starring roles in victories over Florida and Tennessee last season helped him cope with an understudy role to much-publicized starting quarterback Steadman Shealy. "There have been times when I wondered if I would ever get the chance to lead this team. But not once have I ever thought about quitting. I am not that kind of person. After all, there are a lot of people back home who never thought I would make it at Alabama. I knew all along that I would have the chance to prove them wrong."

Against Florida last season, Jacobs triggered the Crimson Tide to a resounding victory by running from punt formation to set up a touchdown before fans had settled good in their seats. He went to rush for more than 100 yards that day, easily overshadowing the effort of Shealy.

A couple of weeks later, Alabama fell behind Tennessee 17-0. Shealy was having trouble getting the offense in motion and Jacobs was summoned from the bench. The Crimson Tide roared to a 27-17 victory, a decision that not only ignited it to an eighth Southeastern Conference championship in nine season, but also to the big crown.

"That was an important game to me," Jacobs said. "But Tennessee always is big, right?"

Tennessee was big, as always, but Mississippi State might have been pivotal to Jacobs' career. It was in that November victory that he tried to sidestep a would-be tackler and tore cartilage and ligaments in his left knee. A comeback against Auburn failed. Surgery was staged in December and Jacobs wore a cast until mid-January. He missed all of spring practice, but worked harder than most players in an effort to restore strength to the most important limb an athlete possesses.

"Everything is on go . . . I am confident I can go out and play . . . If the knee goes, it goes."

Is he capable of leading Alabama to an unprecedented third national championship?

"Sure, if his knee allows him to do the same things he did before getting hurt," said Mal Moore, the Alabama offensive coordinator who tutors quarterbacks. "Don has the right personality for the job. He is a carefree individual, kind of like Kenny Stabler was during his playing days here (in 1966 and 1967). He does not become rattled under pressure.

"Don has proven his abilities as a player. But the most important thing about him is his ability to lead the team. The players believe in him. They have confidence in his ability to put the ball in the end zone."

The knee, publicized and much-observed by Alabama faithfuls, appears vital to Alabama chances. It has been pampered almost daily by trainers Jim Goostree and Henry "Sang" Lyda and diligently tested by Jacobs. As he has sweated over weights, flexibility exercises and agility drills, Alabama fans, not encouraged by the development of other quarterbacks during spring practice, have perspired—wondering, waiting and hoping.

"Everything is on go," Jacobs said when asked about his knee. "I know what I have to do to get ready. I am confident I can go out and play. I have no fears. If the knee goes, it goes. The doctors said the surgery was good, so it is up to me. I have been lifting weights, running, passing and doing some agility drills. There is nothing else left to say about it. I will be ready when practice starts. I will be on the field.

"You know me, I never worry. I take things as they come.

"When I was in the hospital, I thought my chances to be the starting quarterback might have flown out the window. I thought about the other players who have had their careers ruined by injured knees.

"But that lasted only half a day. Then I talked to my dad (Rev. Don Jacobs) about it. He is a confidence builder. He told me to go to it and get myself ready to play. I listened to him. I forgot about the pain and went to work. Coach Goostree and 'Sang' have been instrumental in my workouts. They planned them, then left it up to me."

If the knee is strong, Jacobs' next step is to prove he can lead the team over an entire season.

"I know I can do the job," Jacobs said, expession the confidence that has been so apparent during his career. "Why? Because the other players believe in me. That is half of it. The other half is I believe in myself."

Jacobs does not welcome them, but he knows comparisons to Shealy will come.

"Steadman and I are totally different people," Jacobs said. "I do not like for people to compare us, not because of his ability, but because there are no comparisons there. I know that will happen, but I do not understand it. His game is different from mine. It is my world when I am

on the field. I do not go in for a lot of rah-rah stuff. I believe in getting the job the done with as little fanfare as possible.

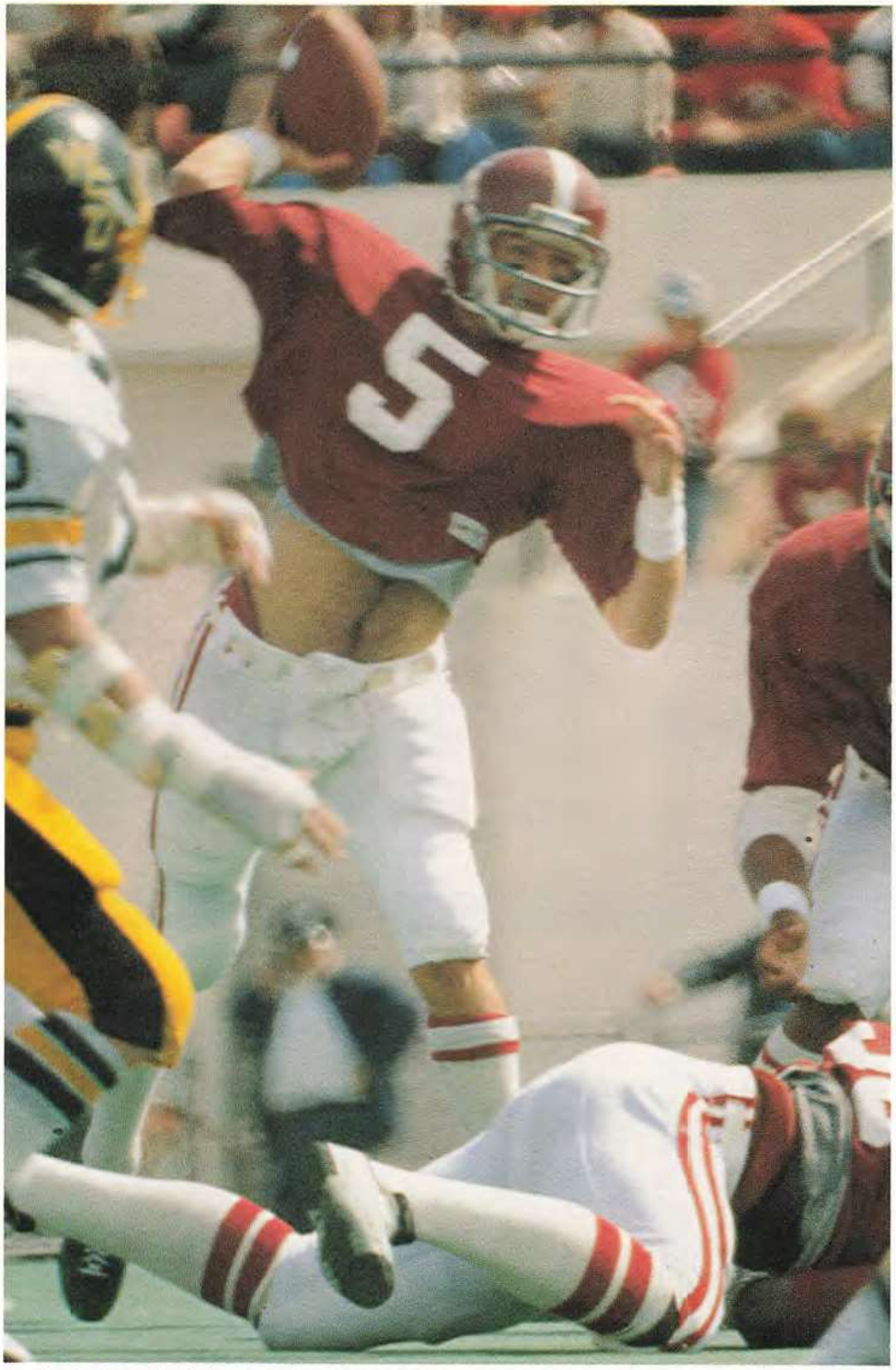
"I believe in a business-like, no-bull approach."

Jacobs is not awed by the other people who have played quarterback for Alabama before him, Pat Trammel (from his hometown), Joe Namath, Steve Sloan, Stabler, Scott Hunter, Terry Davis, Gary Rutledge, Richard Todd and Jeff Rutledge among others.

"Tradition means a lot in football and we have a great one at Alabama," Jacobs said, "but I honestly do not think much about those people who have played quarterback here. I will not mold myself after anybody. I have to be myself. I will be myself."

Jacobs laughs at the mention of pressure, scoffs at the thought of Alabama chances resting on his shoulders.

"I am amazed when people talk about pressure," Jacobs said, shaking his head and taking time to spit tobacco juice from his puffed mouth. "That is ridiculous. I have no more pressure on me than anybody on our team. I have a job to to, yeah, but so do others. Football is a team game. It takes eleven people doing their jobs on every play to win. People who look at one person and say he is the key do not know much about the game."



Don Jacobs hopes that he's able to pass the test of being Alabama's next quarterback, filling big shoes of those who have gone before.
Joel Barnes Photo

If Jacobs sounds cocky, forget it. He is simply honest. If you detect an irresponsible attitude, look again. He is simply his own man, one usually composed under fire.

"I have a laid back personality," Jacobs said, "but I can get serious when under the gun. I let things happen as they happen, then make the best of them.

"I guess it would be proper for me to say playing quarterback at Alabama is the greatest thing in the world. I am thankful for the chance, but I do not feel that way about it. I never pull strings. You cannot con anybody, because people find out the truth about you when the pressure is on. I try to be honest with everybody, including myself.

"People say I am strange. I think I am just normal. I am not about to sit around before practice and say, 'Oh boy, it is 96 degrees outside and we are about to put on our uniforms and go to work for three hours.' Phoney people get to me. I believe in shooting straight."

Rude people get under Jacobs' skin, too, like the woman who approached him last month in a restaurant at Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

Jacobs and a few other Alabama players were spotted by the restaurant manager, who introduced them by position over the public address system. A few minutes later, the woman ran up to the group and asked where Shealy was. They told her he was not there. She argued with them, pointing out that she had learned that the Alabama quarterback was among them.

"It bothered me a little," Jacobs said. "Everybody likes a little glory."

How would Jacobs like to gain notoriety?

"I want to be the quarterback who helps Alabama to a third straight national championship," Jacobs said, "and I want to be the first Alabama quarterback to beat Notre Dame. I want to beat everybody, like we all do, but I really want to be the first one to put it on the Irish."

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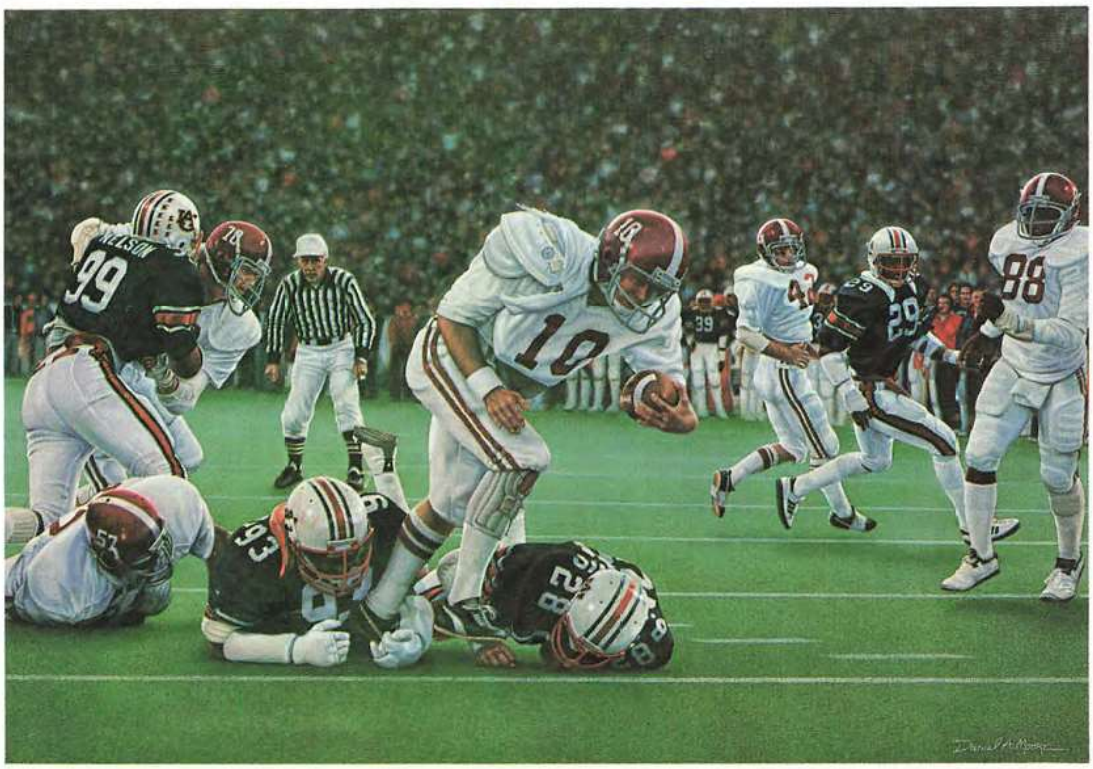

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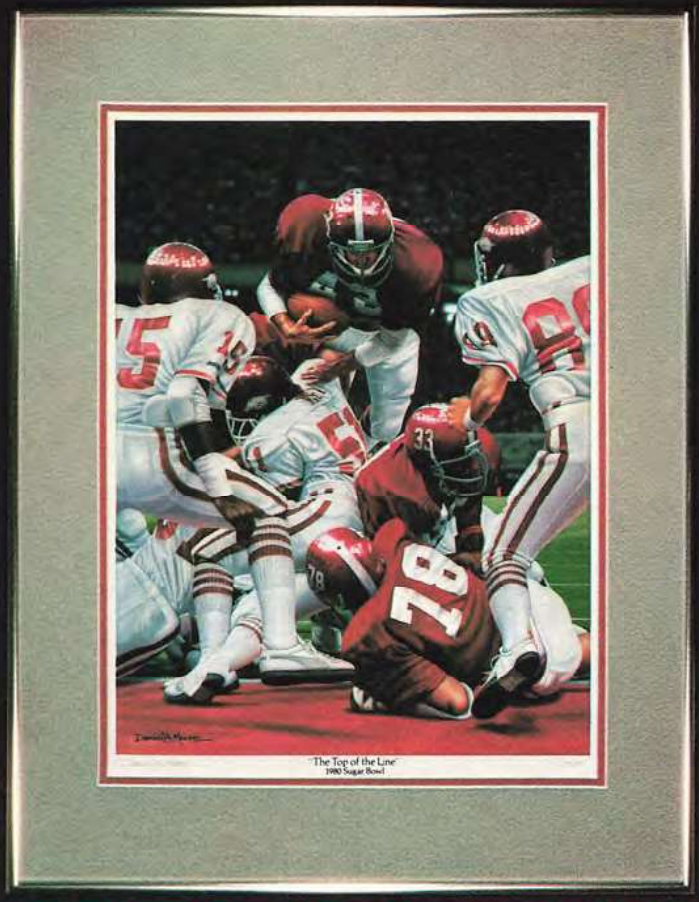

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Alabama head coach Paul Bryant was named Coach of the Decade in the 1960s, when he was fortunate enough to have LeeRoy Jordan as a player rather than as a game guest, and the Tide head coach has repeated for the honors for the 1970s. Joel Barnes Photo

No Surprise On Coach Of Decade

One of the least important arguments as 1979 came to a close and the proliferation of achievements of the decade began was whether the decade had indeed ended. Those who said it had not used the scholarly argument that the first year was 1 and the tenth year was 10. Therefore, the latest decade began in 1971 and will end following 1980. However, common usage overcomes and for simplicity's sake (and within the bounds of the definition of a decade, a period of ten years), we have chosen to measure decades as the Sixties, the Seventies, etc.

Having made that determination, a far more difficult task has been the compilation of the best achievements in college football of the past decade.

To make those choices, **'BAMA** called on the 10 men who served as presidents of the Football Writers Association of America during the past decade. Among the finest journalists in the nation, the members of the FWAA annually present the Grantland Rice Award to college football's national championship team.

The past 10 presidents were asked to select the top team of the 1970s, the best game, the finest offensive and defensive players, and the number one coach. Those making the selections were:

1970 — Dick Herbert, *Raleigh News & Observer* (now with the America Football Coaches Association)

1971 — Volney Meece, *Oklahoma City Times*

1972 — Cy Burick, *Dayton News*

1973 — Tom McKewn, *Tampa Tribune*

1974 — Steve Weller, *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle* (now with the *Fort Lauderdale Sun*)

1975 — Gus Schrader, *Cedar Rapids Gazette*

1976 — Regis McAuley, *Tucson Daily Citizen*

1977 — Cooper Rollo, *Chicago Tribune*

1978 — Edgar Allen, *Nashville Banner* (now with *Churchill Downs*)

1979 — Joe Doyle, *South Bend Tribune*

It's a pleasure to report that this august body failed. That is, it failed to come up with just one superlative in each category.

- Coach of the Decade was no problem. Alabama's legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant was a unanimous selection.
- Defensive Player of the Decade was fairly easy with Oklahoma's superb defensive tackle of the mid-1970s Leroy Selmon taking the honor.
- Offensive Player of the Decade would be expected to be some problem since it is the glamour area of football, but Pittsburgh's Tony Dorsett won out in the star-studded field.
- There was a tie for Team of the Decade with the FWAA past presidents searching their memories to the early 1970s and coming up with the 1971 Ne-

braska and 1972 Southern Cal national championship teams as best.

• That 1971 Nebraska team was involved in another tie as the voters determined that the Cornhuskers' 35-31 decision of Oklahoma and the Sugar Bowl victory of Notre Dame over Alabama (24-23) at the conclusion of the 1973 season were the best games in a decade of great ones.

In 1970 the NCAA selected a Coach of the Decade for the 1960s. Incredibly, it was the man who repeats in 1980, Alabama's Bryant. He's not likely to turn cartwheels over his latest honor, partly because he will be 67-years-old shortly after the 1980 season begins, but more than that because he has received every honor that can come to a man in his profession. The choice of the FWAA selectors was not a surprise. Virtually every recent poll of fans, journalists or fellow head coaches has named him the best now and the best ever at his job.

He has been a head football coach for 34 years and is within 19 victories of becoming the winningest coach in the history of college football. His overall record during that period in coaching stints at Maryland, Kentucky, Texas A&M and Alabama is 296-77-16. He has been at his alma mater, Alabama, since 1958 and has turned in a record of 205-38-8. Those wins have produced six national championships (including the last two), 14 Southeastern Conference titles, dozens of All-America players and almost 40 head college and pro coaches.

In the 1970s his teams won national championships in 1973, 1978 and 1979. Alabama became the first team in modern college football history to win over 100 games in a decade, going 103-16-1.

Among the most important things that Bryant has done is end Alabama's bowl drought. The Crimson Tide has been to a bowl every year since Bryant's second at the helm, a record 21 in a row among Bama's record 33. The first five years of the decade produced a tie and four losses for Alabama. However, Bama closed out the 1970s with victories over Penn State, UCLA, Ohio State, Penn State again and Arkansas in post season games.

The coaching ability of Paul William Bryant is as well-recognized today as his familiar houndstooth hat. But consider the impact 26-year-old Alabama assistant coach Bryant made on Bill Graham of the *Alexander City* (Alabama) *Outlook* in a story published in the November 4, 1939, Alabama football program: "The same kind of courage that made him a great end in spite of a broken foot makes him the greatest coaching prospect ever to graduate at Alabama."

Letters To The Editor

Editor's Note: 'BAMA has naturally received numerous letters requesting information, noting corrections, etc. Generally we have handled these either with a personal reply or by including the information requested in a story. With this edition we will begin a Letters page. Because the letters in this first issue are being printed with the authors being unaware they would be printed, only initials are given as signatures. In future issues, unless otherwise requested, we will print full names. Please address correspondence to 'BAMA, P.O. Box 6104, University, AL 35486.

Dear 'BAMA:
I have heard that Alabama signee Linnie Patrick did not graduate from high school and will not be eligible to play this season. Can you check on this?

B.D.
Tuscaloosa

It's normal for the rumor mill to work double time on highly publicized athletes. Linnie Patrick did graduate from Walker High School and is eligible for football. In fact, Linnie and three other incoming freshmen entered the University during the summer. His classmates on campus are Mark Jackson of Houston, Andy Martin of Muscle Shoals and Paul Carruth of Summitt, Mississippi.

Dear 'BAMA:
Could you help settle a discussion I've had with several Notre Dame fans. They contend coach Frank Thomas once coached at Notre Dame. Can you look into this for me and let me know if it is true?

Dr. P.J.S.
Belleville, Illinois

Coach Thomas played football at Notre Dame, but his official biography lists no coaching experience with the Fighting Irish. Thomas was a player under Knute Rockne and a roommate of George Gipp, both Notre Dame legends. Thomas was head coach at Chattanooga and came to Alabama from Georgia, where he was an assistant coach, upon the recommendation of Wallace Wade.

Dear 'BAMA:
I saw where two of this year's incoming freshmen football players are sons of former Alabama players, but the 1979 Alabama football press guide does not list either in its lettermen section. They are Jim Ivy Jr., whose father played in 1948 and 1949, and Jerry Lambert Jr., whose father played 1952-56. Also, the Alabama lettermen's list shows Clell Hobson lettering 1950-52. Is that the Butch Hobson who actually played football at Alabama in the early 1970s and now plays third base for the Boston Red Sox?

S.T.
Birmingham

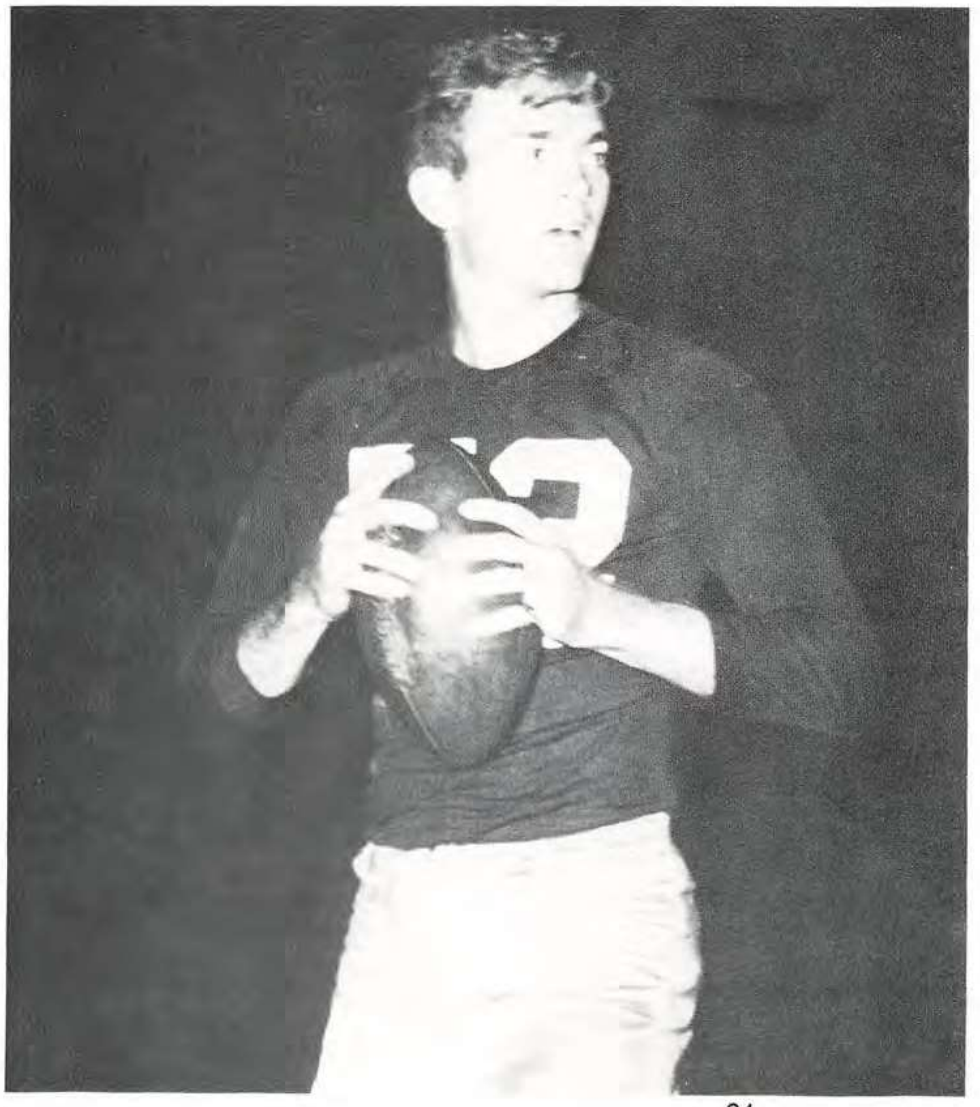
Jim Ivy Sr., who is now deceased, apparently was a member of the 1948 and 1949 Alabama teams but did not earn a letter. Jerry Lambert has been added to the list of lettermen in the 1980 Alabama press guide as a letterman in 1952. Clell Hobson, father of Butch, was an outstanding Alabama football quarterback (as well as a fine baseball player for the Crimson Tide). Oddly, Butch switched from football to baseball following the 1971 football season and never earned a varsity football letter, although he was a back-up quarterback.

Dear 'BAMA
I note a Julius Clorfeline of Antopol, Russia, lettered as a guard for the Tide in 1911. Was Mr. Clorfeline a Bolshevik or a Menshevik? How did he find his way to Tuscaloosa as an Alabama student? Had he played football prior to entering Alabama? There is another oddity concerning the Tide of that era. In 1914 Griffin R. Harsh of Birmingham lettered at QB for the Tide and in the same year Griffith Marsh, also of Birmingham, lettered at QB for the Tide. Mr. Marsh also lettered in 1913 and 1915.

V.G.
Birmingham

Information on Mr. Clorfeline is scarce. In fact, various sources have both his last name and hometown spelled various ways. He is known as Julius Clorfeine from Antopole, Russia in the Corollas of that era. He played class football as a freshman and sophomore, then performed with the varsity in 1910 and 1911. He is described as a "short and husky" player who was called The Russian Lion. He earned his degree in engineerng. Nothing is known of his politics or his later years. The Harsh-Marsh coincidence is, as you suspected, a typographical error that has been corrected in the 1980 guide. Griff Harsh was a Bama back 1913-15.

Alabama Goes To The Movies



A question of the past year has centered on which actor will portray coach Bryant when a movie is made of his great career. Until the death of John Wayne last year it had seemed a natural role for the Duke.

No one knows when Hollywood will make a Bear Bryant movie, but in the meantime Crimson Tide fans in Alabama are going to be able to see a television show on Bama this fall. The hour-long movie, "We're Number One," will be seen throughout the state in early September.

The show, narrated by Alabama sportscaster Doug Layton, is a history of the tradition and success of Bama football since its founding in 1892 through the latest national championship. Included are interviews with past and present players (from Wu Winslett, who played on Alabama's first Rose Bowl team following the 1925 season, through Major Ogilvie, star of last year's Sugar Bowl championship team and a top returnee as Alabama enters the 1980s), coach Bryant, former athletics business manager and longtime alumni secretary Jeff Coleman (who has seen every Alabama bowl game among the 575 Tide contests he has witnessed), and assistant athletics director in charge

"We're Number One" chronicles the many achievements of Alabama football players and coaches through the years. Perhaps no Crimson Tider has caught the fancy of the public as did young Harry Gilmer in 1944. University of Alabama Photo

The uniforms—including the coach's hat—have changed a great deal since Bama first fielded a football team in 1892. The story of that first team through the latest national championship is covered in "We're Number One."

of recruiting Clem Gryska.

Other former players included on the broadcast are Clell Hobson, LeeRoy Jordan, Joe Namath, Jerry Duncan and Ozzie Newsome.

Historic filmclips are a major part of "We're Number One," including films of games in the 1920s, when some of the players didn't even wear helmets; Dixie Howell and Don Hutson performing in the Rose Bowl; Harry Gilmer; the resumption of the Alabama-Auburn series; and the many great moments in football under coach Bryant.

The program was produced by D. E. Sports Productions and written by 'BAMA editor Kirk McNair.

Because the bowl games have played such a prominent role in the nationwide position that Alabama holds, a great deal of "We're Number One" concerns itself with Alabama's bowl history. Among the bowl games seen and discussed in the show are the first Alabama Rose Bowl, the devestating show in the 1935 Rose Bowl, the effort of Bama's War Babies and Harry Gilmer against powerful Duke in the 1945 Sugar Bowl, Alabama's last trip to the Rose Bowl where Southern Cal met its first defeat in Pasadena in 1946, the 1953 Orange Bowl in which Bama set dozens of records with a 61-6 victory over Syracuse, the 1954 Cotton Bowl in which Tommy Lewis etched his name in college sports history with his tackle off the bench, the 1965 Orange Bowl in which Joe Namath was judged to have fallen just short of a winning touchdown against Texas, the 1966 Orange Bowl in which Bama won the national championship by defeating Nebraska, and of course the famous goalline stand of the 1979 Sugar Bowl when the Tide won the first of its latest two-in-a-row national championships.

Former Alabama players discuss the coaches they played for, the games they remember most, how they picked Alabama, and the things above and beyond football that they took from the Capstone. Coach Bryant discusses his recruiting philosophy and the role that tradition has played in Crimson Tide success.

Jeff Coleman's closing thoughts on nearly 60 years of observing Alabama football are poignant:

"The thread through the success of University of Alabama football through the years seems to tell us in very strong words that the athlete, first, must come to The University of Alabama with a decision to seek a college education and at the same time have a desire to excel in his chosen sport, and particularly football. The coaching success generally has depended upon discipline, management, organization and the highest ideals of leading young men. We have found great success among several coaches and of course among many players that have made the great history of the University of Alabama possible. Now in coach Paul Bryant all of the better qualities of coaching and leading young men in sports has made the University of Alabama enviable in many ways."

Coach Bryant discusses the men he played with and how they would have fared on the football teams of today. To the surprise of no one he says that Don Hutson was perhaps the greatest pass receiver of all time. Of Dixie Howell he says "Dixie Howell was a greater runner, great kicker, had more confidence than anyone I've ever know, and he was an or-

dinary passer. But all those ordinary passes would end complete. He completed about 60 percent. And nowadays he'd be a great quarterback, I think, and I wish we had him now."

The modern players say they chose to come to Alabama primarily because of coach Bryant. Ozzie Newsome noted "so many of the coaches recruiting me (for other schools) had either played for coach Bryant or coached under him. I finally decided, why go to a limb when you can go to the trunk."

Joe Namath insists he was over the goalline in the Orange Bowl game against Texas. "I know I was," remembers Joe, "because I had to come back across the goalline to argue." He also notes "coach Bryant tried to cover up for me for some strange reason and said he called the play."

Producer of "We're Number One" is David Evans, a Clemson graduate and close friend of former Tider and longtime Clemson coach Frank Howard. "Obviously you wouldn't attempt a project like this about just any football team," says Evans. "There are only a handful of teams with the tradition and history of Alabama. We hope that this show brings back pleasant memories for those longtime followers of the Crimson Tide, while giving some insight into the success of Alabama football for those fans of more recent vintage."

Alabama's great bowl tradition and success is covered in depth in "We're Number One."

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And On The Cutting Room Floor . . .

Boiling down the history and tradition of University of Alabama football involved editing of over five hours of films and interviews.

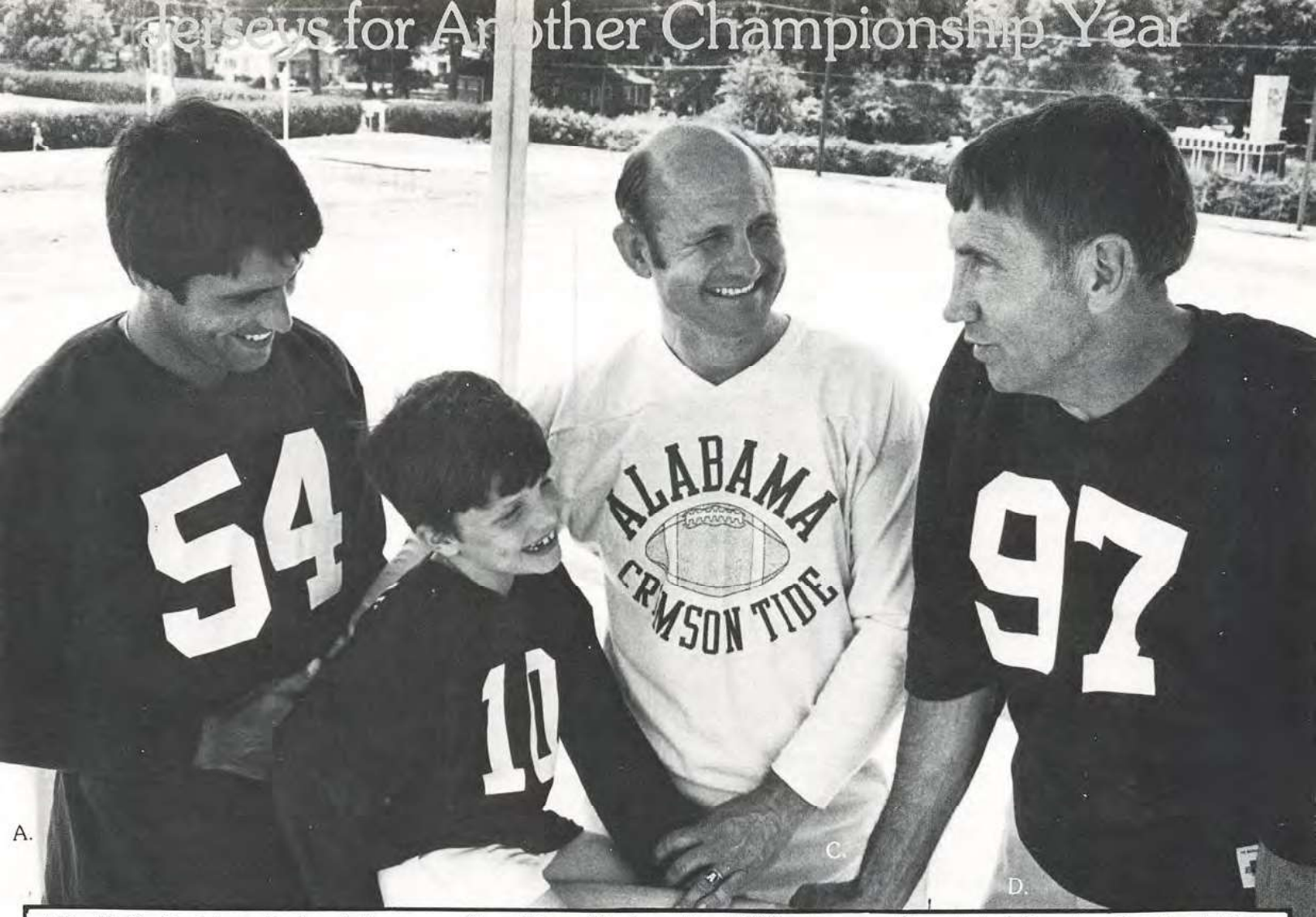
Among the best material for which there was not enough time were stories from coach Bryant.

The Tide head coach explained how his head coach, Frank Thomas, influenced him to become a football teacher:

"As a matter of fact he talked to me about it my senior year. He didn't flatter me much. He said I wasn't good enough to play pro football and make any money. Well, I knew that already. Coach (Paul) Burnham, who was on the staff at the time, got me a job up at Union College. I went up there in the spring and that summer I was through here and went by to pay my respects to Coach Thomas. He asked me to go out to the baseball game with him and during our conversation he asked me how would I like to come back here and coach. I told him if it was with the varsity I'd love it. And he said with that Chicago twang of his, 'Do you think you could coach the *gaads?*' And I said 'Coach, I believe I can coach them if what you've been telling them's right, because I've paid pretty close attention to everything you've told them.' Anyway, he offered me a job, nine months a year, twelve hundred and fifty dollars and I was tickled to death to get it and it was a lot more than I was worth."

The story has often been told of Alabama opening the 1935 season with a 7-7 tie at the hand of Howard College of Birmingham and right end Paul Bryant being detected offsides on an Alabama touchdown play. However, coach Bryant supplied even more detail about the game:

"Two things happened in the game I'll always remember. One is Joe Kilgrow threw me a pass, down and out, and the halfback slipped down and I was out there all alone in front of the bench and all I had to do was catch the ball and run. It was thrown perfect and I looked up and of course the ball went to the ground. The man who was umpiring the game that day, his children were friends of mine. They gave us two tickets in those years and, boy, I needed mine badly. But I ran into him before the game and he had his children with him and he asked me to give him my tickets, which I did. Then we got down on the goalline and Jimmy Walker caught a pass for a touchdown and that umpire I had given my tickets to called me for holding or offsides or something and it broke my heart. Following that Howard game something happened that's funny now but wasn't then. I was so embarrassed I didn't want to see anybody. I was walking down University Avenue, trying to stay out of everyone's way, and some fraternity boys were playing football on the front lawn. One of them ran out for a pass, another threw him the ball and he dropped it. And a guy says, 'For goodness sakes, you're worse than Bear Bryant.' "



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New Radio Coverage

Alabama football will receive increased radio coverage in several areas this year. The Alabama Football Network will include for the first time post-game coverage from the Alabama lockerroom, interviews with Tide players and coaches. Additionally, Bama sportscaster Doug Layton will host a special Tuesday night show each week with listeners statewide able to telephone questions to coach Bryant.

And for those Crimson Tide fans out of the normal Alabama radio network area, NBC radio this year is expected to broadcast at least two Bama football games.

Television Still Undecided

As of this writing, ABC had not yet announced any Alabama games on its fall television coverage. Alabama is on a new cycle and may be seen five times in the next two years, no more than three times in either 1980 or 1981 (bowl games don't count). Speculation is that only two Bama games will be televised this season, the Tennessee and Notre Dame games. That way ABC will have three Bama dates in 1981 when coach Bryant is expected to be coaching his all-time record 315th victory.

A Loss To LSU

Alabama has suffered a loss to LSU. Tim Jorgensen, who coached the Alabama track weightmen this past year, is going to LSU to head up the entire strength program of that university.

Junior Varsity Schedule

Bama has a four-game junior varsity schedule this year, home games September 19 against Ole Miss and November 22 against Auburn and road games October 3 at Fort Benning and November 7 at Marion Institute.

Maestri Joins Crimson Tide Staff

Former Mississippi State assistant coach Don Maestri, a native of New Orleans, has become the newest member of the Alabama basketball coaching staff.

"We are happy to have Don join the staff," says Alabama Head Coach Wimp Sanderson. "He is an excellent teacher, has an outstanding high school coaching record, is young and enthusiastic, and has experience in the SEC."

Maestri, who joined veterans John Bostick and Leroy McClendon as Tide assistants on July 1st, says "I'm really looking forward to working with Coach Sanderson as part of the Alabama program. Alabama has a sound, nationally-recognized basketball situation and I'm real excited."

Maestri, a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, where he lettered in basketball, began his coaching career at New Orleans' Holy Cross High School, starting as junior varsity coach in 1969 and taking the head coaching post in 1970, and enjoying nearly a decade of success.

Maestri's teams at Holy Cross had a record of 211 wins and 99 losses, including 35-6 year in 1974, when Holy Cross finished second in the state 4A playoffs. He was New Orleans Coach of the Year in 1976, and his teams won numerous league and city titles before he

Alabama head swimming coach Don Gambril, selected for a fourth time as a United States Olympic Team's coach, didn't get to take a team to Russia for the Olympics this year, but he did select an Olympic team in national trials and will accompany that team on a tour of China August 9-21. University of Alabama Photo

left for Mississippi State, where he served as an assistant coach for the 1979-80 season.

Alabama Hosts Coaching Clinic

The 48th annual University of Alabama Coaching Clinic will be held in Tuscaloosa from July 29 to August 1, and will feature the usual impressive array of speakers.

This year's guest list includes Tangerine Bowl head and former LSU Head Coach Charley McClendon; former Alabama and Dallas Cowboy great Lee Roy Jordan; Joe Buchinski of Miramar (Fla.) High School, alma mater of current Tiders Jeff Fagan and Jesse Bendross; and Billy Miller of Moss Point (Miss.) High School.

Representing the Crimson Tide football staff will be Head Coach Paul Bryant, and assistants Mal Moore, Mike Marks, and Louis Campbell, as well as team physician Dr. William DeShazo.

The basketball portion of the program will feature former Duke Head Coach Bill Foster, now head coach at the University of South Carolina, as well as Alabama head man Wimp Sanderson.

The annual All-Star Contests, which traditionally cap the week's activities, will be Thursday, July 31 (basketball) and Friday, August 1 (football)

Baseball Recruiting

Alabama baseball, in Coach Barry Shollenberger's first full recruiting year, seems to have made a big push in signing new talent, as ten new Crimson Tiders have already been announced, with "three or four more" yet to come.

The diamond newcomers include JC All-Americas Randy Hunt, a catcher from Chattahoochee Valley CC and Jamie Merritt, a centerfielder from Enterprise State JC; junior college pitchers Jimmy Hoskins of Palm Beach (Fla.) JC and Bryan Kelly of Valencia JC, also in Florida; high school stars Alan Dunn of Gadsden Emma Samson, a pitcher-infielder, and third baseman Dave Magadan, a slugger from Tampa (Fla.) Jesuit; Hagerstown (Md.) JC infield combination of second baseman Chris Glass and shortstop Brett Elvin, and catching prospects Rick Moreyra of Palm Beach JC and Mark Edwards of Tuscaloosa High School. Another Tide signee, shortstop Andy Timko of McDonald, Ohio, opted for a pro career, signing as a third-round draft choice of the Baltimore Orioles.

Patrick Honored

Alabama football signee Linnie Patrick of Walker County was recently honored as Alabama's High School Athlete of the Year by the Hertz Corporation.

Alabama halfback Major Ogilvie was selected as one of six football players nationwide to make the NCAA-ABC Television Tour promoting college football on ABC. The tour begins August 2 at Kings Island, Ohio and concludes August 9 in Los Angeles. Major will be joined by his head coach in New Orleans August 7.

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Patrick joined representatives from 49 other states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, at a banquet honoring their achievements in New York City. One of the speakers at that banquet was a man that Patrick will be hearing more from in the coming years—Alabama Head Coach Paul Bryant.

Bryant To Coach Japan Bowl

Alabama Coach Paul Bryant has accepted an invitation to serve as head coach for the East Squad in the Japan Bowl, to be played in Tokyo in January 1981.

New Cager

Alabama has signed another basketball player, but he won't be eligible until the 1981-82 season. Chris Cantrell, a 6-8 wingman from Daytona Beach, Florida, will have two years of eligibility remaining. He played at Tulsa under Leroy McClendon, who is now an assistant basketball coach at Alabama.

The jury is still out on another Bama recruit. Russell Cross of Chicago, a 6-11 center who is considered one of the top prospects in America, failed to sign a national letter of intent by June 1 and so now must enter a college without signing (although he can be on scholarship). He had committed to Purdue (where he signed a Big Ten conference letter), but backed out at the last minute, and was also rumored to be considering small Chicago Circle, where his prep coach has been hired. Russell, who has family in West Alabama, spent a few days this summer in the Tuscaloosa area, but didn't make an appearance on campus. Best guess has to be that he will end up at Purdue.

Track Signees

Alabama has added five signees to previously announced Montgomery stars Herman Vaughan and Ricky Casby. The additions include several times national junior college sprint champion Emmett King of Jeff State in Birmingham, although he may not be eligible in his first year at Bama. Others are national indoor junior college long jump champ Darryl Brannon of Jeff State, Louisiana high school pole vault champion Gary Creed of New Orleans, state champion in the mile and two-mile Greg Raburn of Tuscaloosa and Florida sprint champion Walter Monroe of Tampa.

SCHEDULES OF TIDE'S 1980 OPPONENTS

DATE	GEORGIA TECH	MISSISSIPPI	VANDERBILT	KENTUCKY	RUTGERS
Sept. 6	**at Alabama**	Texas A&M		Utah State	
Sept. 13		Memphis State	at Maryland	at Oklahoma	at Temple
Sept. 20	Florida	**Alabama**	Miss. State	Indiana	Cincinnati
Sept. 27	Memphis State	Tulane	**at Alabama**	Bowling Green	Princeton
Oct. 4	at No. Carolina	Southern Miss.		**at Alabama**	at Cornell
Oct. 11	Tennessee	at Georgia	Tulane		**Alabama**
Oct. 18	at Auburn	Florida	at Georgia	LSU	Wm. & Mary
Oct. 25	Tulane	at Vanderbilt	Ole Miss	Georgia	at Syracuse
Nov. 1	at Duke	at LSU	at Memphis St.	at Tulane	at Army
Nov. 8	Notre Dame		at Kentucky	Vanderbilt	at Virginia
Nov. 15	Navy	Tennessee	Miami	Florida	West Virginia
Nov. 22		Miss. State	UTC	at Tennessee	Colgate
Nov. 29	at Georgia		Tennessee		

DATE	TENNESSEE	SOU. MISS.	MISS. STATE	LSU	NOTRE DAME
Sept. 6	Georgia	at Tulane	at Mem. State	Florida St.	Purdue
Sept. 13	Southern Cal		La. Tech	Kansas St.	
Sept. 20	Wash. St.	La. Tech	at Vanderbilt	Colorado	Michigan
Sept. 27	at Auburn	at East Car.	at Florida	at Rice	
Oct. 4		at Ole Miss	at Illinois	at Florida	at Mich. State
Oct. 11	at Ga. Tech	at Miss. State	Sou. Miss.	Auburn	Miami
Oct. 18	**Alabama**	Ark. State	at Miami	at Kentucky	Army
Oct. 25	Pittsburgh	**at Alabama**	Auburn		at Arizona
Nov. 1	Virginia	Lamar	**Alabama**	Ole Miss	at Navy
Nov. 8		at Auburn		**at Alabama**	at Ga. Tech
Nov. 15	at Ole Miss	Richmond	LSU	at Miss. St.	**at Alabama**
Nov. 22	Kentucky	Louisville	Ole Miss	Tulane	Air Force
Nov. 29	at Vanderbilt				
Dec. 6					at Southern Cal.

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ALABAMA	6-0-0	11-0-0
Georgia	5-1-0	6-5-0
Auburn	4-2-0	8-3-0
Louisiana State	4-2-0	6-5-0
Tennessee	3-3-0	7-4-0
Kentucky	3-3-0	5-6-0
Mississippi	3-3-0	4-7-0
Mississippi State	2-4-0	3-5-0
Vanderbilt	0-6-0	1-10-0
Florida	0-6-0	0-10-1

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Sept. 13 at TCU	Oct. 18 Ga. Tech
Sept. 20 Duke	Oct. 25 at Miss. St.
Sept. 27 Tennessee	Nov. 1 at Florida
Oct. 4 Richmond	Nov. 8 Sou. Miss.
Oct. 11 at LSU	Nov. 15 Georgia
	Nov. 29 **at Alabama**

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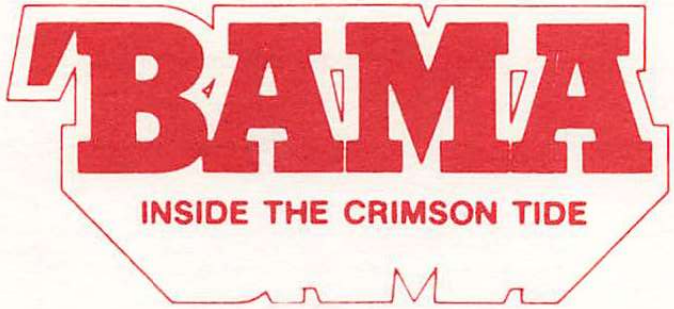

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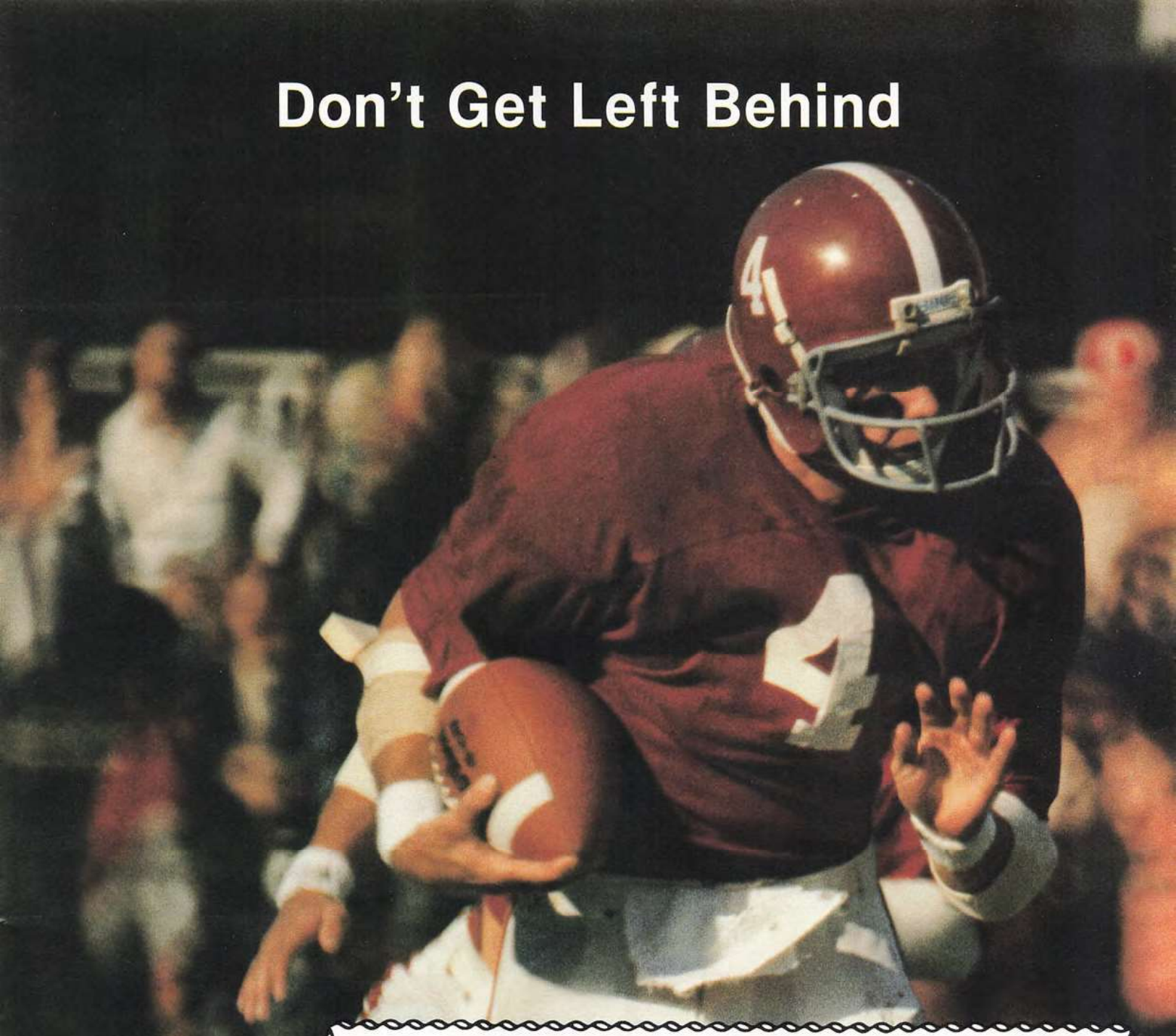

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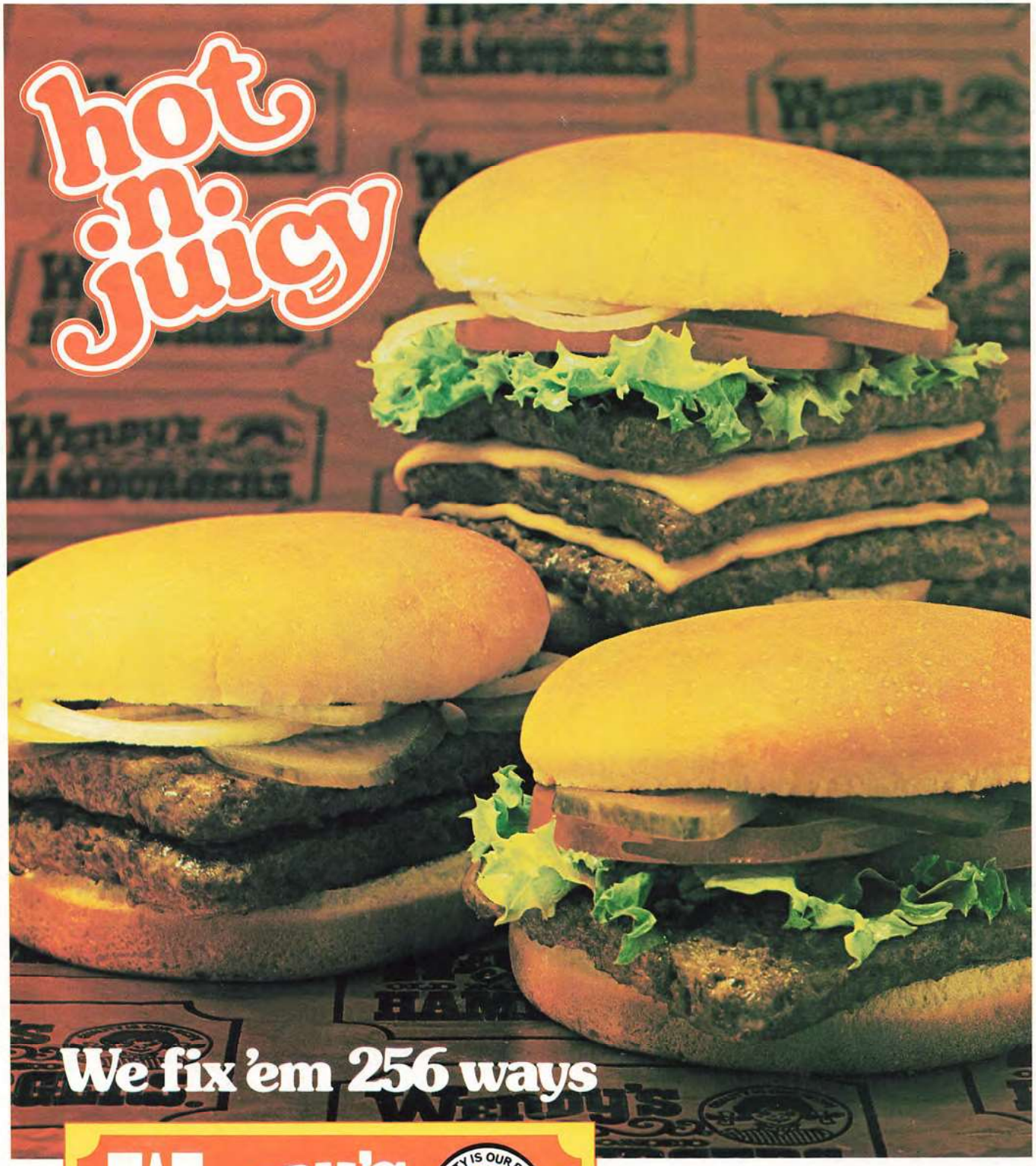
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